



End in sight? GM CEO Barra joins talks with striking union

By TOM KRISHER

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DETROIT (AP) — General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined negotiators at the bargaining table, an indication that a deal may be near to end a monthlong strike by the United Auto Workers union that has paralyzed the company's factories.

Barra and GM President Mark Reuss were in the bargaining room early Tuesday, a person briefed on the talks said, but they left later in the morning as committees began work on specific contract language. The person didn't want to be identified because the talks are confidential.

The appearance of two key executives is a strong sign that bargainers are closing in on a contract agreement that would end the strike, which began on Sept. 16.

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In this Oct. 9, 2019, file photo a member of the United Auto Workers walks the picket line at the General Motors Romulus Powertrain plant in Romulus, Mich.

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Farmers blame Trump for biofuels rule they view as betrayal

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Agriculture commodity groups and some farmers expressed frustration and anger Wednesday with a rule released by the Environmental Protection Agency that they said fails to uphold a promise President Donald Trump made 12 days ago to fulfill the intent of an ethanol law passed by Congress.

Since Trump became president, the EPA has given 85 oil refineries exemptions from blending ethanol into the gasoline they sell. That has removed 4 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol from the market, angering farmers who rely on the ethanol industry to buy nearly 40% of the corn crop produced to make the renewable fuel additive.



Monte Shaw, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association; Grant Kimberley, executive director of the Iowa Biodiesel Board and Craig Floss, CEO of the Iowa Corn Growers Association hold a press conference at the Iowa Corn headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019.

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After months of pressure from farmers, trade groups and lawmakers and governors in farm states, Trump on Oct. 4 announced plans to require oil refineries to replace the ethanol gallons

lost through the exemptions.

Farmers and lawmakers say the EPA had agreed to add waived ethanol back into the fuel supply by calculating the amount

waived over a three-year period, which would add about 1.3 billion gallons (2.5 billion imperial gallons) of biofuels back into the nation's fuel supply next year. That would ensure that beginning in 2020 the government would comply with the 15 billion gallon (12.5 billion imperial gallon) standard already required under federal law. The deal would not restore the already lost biofuels, a compromise the industry was willing to make in exchange for an EPA promise to change policy going forward.

On Tuesday, the EPA released the draft rule that would use a three-year average of gallons the Energy Department recommended waiving instead of

the actual waived amount, increasing biofuels blending by about 770 million gallons (641 million imperial gallons), about half of what the industry expected.

"I thought a deal was a deal. When Donald Trump makes a deal isn't it a deal?" said Monte Shaw, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group for the 43 ethanol plants and 11 biodiesel refineries in Iowa, the nation's largest biofuels producer.

The exemptions were designed to ease the burden on small refineries that might not be able to economically blend required ethanol amounts, but the EPA under Trump has allowed exemptions for profitable larger refineries. □

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Sutter Health, California settle massive antitrust case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of California's largest hospital systems has reached an agreement to settle a massive class-action lawsuit over allegations that it abused its market power and has been overcharging patients for medical bills.

Wednesday's announcement of an agreement offered no details but came just in time to avoid a trial, with attorneys preparing to give opening statements Thursday.

The antitrust lawsuit against Sutter Health, which operates 24 hospitals with 5,500 doctors across Northern California, was first brought by employers and unions in 2014 and later joined by California's attorney general, Xavier Becerra, who filed a similar lawsuit last year after a six-year investigation.

Jennifer Molina, a spokeswoman for Becerra, confirmed the settlement but said she could not comment further until the court approves the agreement. San Francisco Superior Court Judge Anne-Christine Massullo set a timeline February or March for the next round of hearings to approve the settlement, a court spokesman said.

Sutter Health spokeswoman Amy Thoma Tan also confirmed "the parties have reached a settlement agreement to resolve the case" but gave no other details.

In a 49-page complaint, Becerra alleged that Sutter

has pursued numerous anticompetitive practices as it snuffed out competition and became the largest hospital system in Northern California. The lawsuit points to research showing that health care costs in Northern California are higher than elsewhere in the state and said Sutter was largely to blame for the higher costs.

At issue are several of Sutter Health's contracting policies that Becerra says have allowed the company to "thoroughly immunize itself from price competition."

One way insurance companies keep costs down is to steer patients to cheaper health care providers through a variety of incentives. Becerra says Sutter Health bans insurance companies from using these incentives, making it harder for patients to use their lower-priced competitors.

Becerra also says Sutter has an "all or nothing" approach to negotiating with insurance companies, requiring them to include all the company's hospitals in their provider networks even if it doesn't make financial sense to do so.

The complaint noted that Sutter's assets rose to \$15.6 billion in 2016 from \$6.4 billion in 2005.

Sutter Health, a Sacramento-based nonprofit, denies the claims, saying it faces fierce competition across the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Valley and insurance companies

are to blame for pushing up costs.

Becerra's office sought injunctive relief to halt Sutter's alleged anti-competitive behavior, not monetary damages. But the private litigation brought by a class of about 1,400 self-funded employers sought damages that could exceed \$1 billion.

News of the settlement was applauded by health care consumer advocacy coalition Health Access Califor-



In this Sept. 20, 2019, file photo, an American flag flutters in the breeze outside of the Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif.

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Republican lawmakers unmuzzled in rebuking Trump on Syria

By ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "dark day." A "betrayal." The "biggest mistake of this presidency," and "really delusional."

And that was President Donald Trump's fellow Republicans.

Trump's decision to pull American troops out of northern Syria — triggering a deadly Turkish invasion targeting the U.S.'s erstwhile Syrian Kurdish allies — has unmuzzled GOP lawmakers in a manner seldom seen since Trump entered the White House.

In a time when the threat of a caustic Trump tweet is enough to stifle open internal dissent, the extent and strong language Republicans are using to assail his policy in Syria has been striking.

A statistical measurement of the party's disgruntlement was on eye-catching display in the House, which voted Wednesday by an overwhelming 354-60 to voice its opposition to Trump's troop pullback.

Remarkably, Republicans voted 129-60 for the non-binding measure, delivering a stinging repudiation of Trump. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and the chamber's two other top GOP leaders joined in lawmakers' lopsided slap at Trump's decision. Making Republican defections all the more noteworthy: They came as the two parties are at each other's throats over the Democratic impeachment inquiry of the president.

While virtually all Republicans have rallied behind Trump in the impeachment fight, this is a moment — barely a year from the 2020 elections — when the White House and GOP lawmakers can ill afford to show divisions.



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., left, stands as Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, speaks with reporters after a meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in Washington.

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No one was suggesting the GOP's schism with Trump over Syria would soften the party's opposition to tossing him out of office.

"That's a completely different issue," said No. 2 House GOP leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana.

No Republicans attacked Trump personally, instead carefully focusing their criticism on the policy.

Still, the unfettered way in which Republicans openly belittled his troop withdrawal was noteworthy, both for its sweep and for the freedom that GOP lawmakers seemed to feel in opposing him.

Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called it a "dark day" that would have been "much darker" if the two parties hadn't united in voicing their opposition to the troop pullback.

No. 3 House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming said Syrian Kurds are "facing what looks like a betrayal" by the U.S.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who's been a staunch Trump defender since he entered the White House but a critic of his troop withdrawal, said Trump was making "the biggest mistake of this presidency."

While Trump had said the Kurds would be fine because "they know how to fight," Graham told reporters, "To suggest the Kurds are safer is really delusional."

And Graham all but said Trump would be to blame if there's a new terrorist attack by Islamic State militants. Many fear that group will be revived as Turkey batters the very Kurdish fighters who've been helping the U.S. neutralize them. "It's going to be to the president's detriment if there's any attacks on our country, inspired attacks, not directly attacks, then he'll own it," Graham said.

Also wading in was Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, who's not seeking reelection and has clashed with Trump over immigration and other is-

sues.

Hurd called Trump's withdrawal a "disastrous decision" because the U.S. is abandoning an ally and ceding influence in the region to adversaries like Russia and Iran. He recalled his pre-Congress experience as an undercover CIA counter-terrorism officer.

"One of the things I learned when I was in the CIA was to be nice with nice guys and tough with tough guys, not the other way around," he said pointedly.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has repeatedly called the move "a mistake" and expressed a determination to do something to correct it, though the answer is unclear.

A former senator and Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who had frequent clashes with Trump and retired last year, has made few public statements since leaving Congress but weighed in on Wednesday.

Asked in an interview why the GOP pushback has

been so strong, Corker said, "It was such an irresponsible, precipitous decision where thousands of people are going to die. It's at a whole new level."

Democrats, of course, showed no hesitation in using even stronger language against Trump. Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., labeled the withdrawal a "dangerous and stupid decision."

And Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., a former Marine and Iraq War veteran, said Trump "has never put his life on the line for his country" like U.S. soldiers in Syria have done.

"Perhaps if he had not dodged the draft by lying about his feet, sending another American in his place to Vietnam," he'd know that "nothing is more evil than betrayal," Moulton said.

That was a reference to a deferment that allowed Trump to not serve in the Vietnam War due to bone spurs. Critics have accused him of draft dodging because Trump hasn't been able to recall which foot had the problem. □

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Another person briefed on the talks said the only issues that remain are faster pay increases for workers hired after 2007, apprenticeships for skilled trades workers, and the specifics of winding down a joint union-company training center. The person also didn't want to be identified because the talks are ongoing. The union has summoned its national council of factory-level leaders to Detroit for a meeting Thursday billed as an update on contract talks. The group could be assembling to vote on a tentative agreement. It also will decide if workers should return to their jobs before or after they vote on the deal.

"I don't think Mary Barra would have returned unless they were making progress," said Art Wheaton, an auto industry expert at the Worker Institute at Cornell University. "And I don't think they'd have told everybody to return to Detroit on Thursday."

The strike, now in its 30th day, is the longest against an automaker since a 54-day strike in 1998 in Flint, Michigan. That strike cost GM \$2 billion. The union also went on a brief two-day strike against General Motors in 2007.

Both sides are under pressure to end the walkout, which has cost GM close to \$2 billion in profits and forced workers to live on \$250 per week, about one fifth of their base pay. Last week, with the strike dragging on, the union said it would increase strike pay to \$275 per week.

Shares of GM rose on news of a potential settlement, closing Tuesday up 2.1% at 36.26.

Negotiators last week appeared to be deadlocked and each side issued letters or statements accusing the other of failing to bargain in good faith. A quiet period began over the weekend and negotiators worked into the night to resolve most of the remaining issues, according to both people briefed on the talks. A union demand that all vehicles sold in the U.S. be built here apparently has been resolved, but terms are unknown. The compa-

ny did offer \$9 billion worth of investments at U.S. factories, \$7.7 billion from the company and another \$1.3 billion from joint ventures. The \$1.3 billion includes a battery cell factory near Lordstown, Ohio, where GM wants to close an assembly plant.

They also apparently have agreed on wages and lump-sum payments, although the amounts are unknown. A company offer last week would give workers lump sums equal to 4% of their base pay in the first and third years of the four-year contract, with 3% pay raises in the second and fourth years. This would be in addition to annual profit-sharing checks. This year workers got checks for \$10,750 each. GM also offered to lift the \$12,000 cap on profit-sharing checks. The union also sought sweeter retirement benefits.

After initially trying to cut health care costs, GM agreed to leave benefits and payments untouched. Union members pay 3% premiums while most workers at large companies in the U.S. pay over 30%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Both sides also have agreed on a path for temporary workers to get permanent jobs. GM had proposed that they become permanent after three uninterrupted years of work, but that was shortened. GM initially offered an \$8,000 bonus to workers to sign the contract, but sweetened that to \$9,000.

Last week the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank, estimated that GM is losing \$450 million every week due to production shutdowns. The total loss likely has reached \$2 billion. The strike immediately silenced about 30 GM factories in the U.S. and has brought down two plants in Mexico and one in Canada. Parts companies that supply GM have had to lay off thousands of workers. If there's an agreement, the strike would not end immediately. Bargainers would have to vote on a deal, followed by union officers and regional directors. Then factory-level leaders, including local presidents



In this July 16, 2019, file photo General Motors Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra speaks during the opening of their contract talks with the United Auto Workers in Detroit.

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and bargaining chairmen, also will vote. If they approve it, then this group would also decide if workers would put down picket signs and go back to work.

Workers could stay on strike until after all members vote on the contract. That voting could take a week or longer. But Wheaton said the union might decide to

return to work during the ratification vote because temperatures are starting to get colder, and it might not make sense for them to stay on the picket lines. □

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Study: 'Medicare for All' not only way to universal coverage

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Health care memo to Democrats: There's more than one way to get to coverage for all.

A study out Wednesday finds that an approach similar to the plan from former Vice President Joe Biden can deliver about the same level of coverage as the government-run "Medicare for All" plan from presidential rival Bernie Sanders. The study from the Commonwealth Fund and the Urban Institute think tanks concludes that the U.S. can achieve a goal that has eluded Democrats since Harry Truman by building on former President Barack Obama's health care law. Health care has sparked sharp exchanges in the Democratic presidential debates, and Tuesday night was no exception. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren was challenged for being unwilling to say whether her support for Medicare for All would translate to higher taxes for the middle class. Warren said "costs" would be lower, but Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota suggested that was a dodge.

"I'm sorry, Elizabeth," said Klobuchar. "I think we owe it to the American people to tell them where we're going to send the invoice." She urged Democrats not to "trash Obamacare" but build on it.

The study suggests such heated discussions may have more to do with differences over the scope and reach of government than with the ultimate objective of providing universal coverage.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., left, and former Vice President Joe Biden hug during a Democratic presidential primary debate hosted by CNN/New York Times at Otterbein University, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in Westerville, Ohio.

Associated Press

"A goal that they all share — universal coverage — can be reached in different ways," said Sara Collins, the Commonwealth Fund's vice president for coverage and access.

The researchers modeled a range of health care overhaul scenarios from tweaks to Obama's law to a full government-run single-payer plan like Sanders is proposing. Collins said the options studied are not carbon copies of the candidates' proposals, partly because many details are still in flux. However, they are generally similar.

The study found that a full government-run plan like Sanders' would cover all U.S. residents, including people in the country without legal authorization. That adds up to more than

30 million currently uninsured people.

However, it would increase U.S. health care spending because of generous benefits with no copays and deductibles. Expanded benefits would include home and community-based long-term care services. Assuming the plan was fully effective in 2020, total U.S. health spending would grow by nearly \$720 billion.

The federal government, which would take on costs now paid by employers and individuals, would have to raise nearly \$2.7 trillion more in revenue in 2020. Such amounts would require a mix of broad-based taxes, the researchers said, although the report steered clear of how the plans would be financed.

"It is a big lift to get this kind of money, for sure," said John Holahan, a top Urban Institute health policy expert.

A Kaiser Family Foundation poll out this week found slippage in public support for Medicare for All. Fifty-one percent support such a government-run approach, down 5 percentage points since April. Opposition has risen significantly, from 38% in April to 47% in the latest survey.

The Commonwealth Fund-Urban Institute study also modeled options resembling the plan that Biden is pushing.

It starts with more generous subsidies for "Obamacare" plans and Medicaid expansion in states that have so far refused it. Then it adds a "public option" plan based

on Medicare. People with employer coverage would be able to pick the public plan. There would be a mechanism to sign up all those eligible for coverage. Such an approach would reduce the number of uninsured by about 80%, the study estimated. That would still leave nearly 7 million U.S. residents without coverage, mainly people who don't have legal permission to be in the country. Under Biden's plan taxpayer subsidies would only be available to U.S. citizens and legal residents.

Employer coverage would decline by about 10% as some low-income workers switch to the public option. Assuming the plan was fully effective in 2020, total U.S. health care spending would decline by about \$20 billion, a relatively small amount considering the nation's tab is now more than \$3.5 trillion a year. The decline would be partly due to the public option paying hospitals and doctors less than what private plans do now.

The federal government would have to raise from \$108 billion to \$147 billion more in 2020 to cover the additional cost of expanding subsidized coverage options, a fraction of the cost of Medicare for All. South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg's plan overlaps in many details with Biden's.

The two think tanks are nonpartisan research organizations that have long supported expanded coverage. Their health care work is particularly influential with policymakers on the political left. □

Chicago teachers to strike in nation's 3rd largest district

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago parents and community groups are scrambling to prepare for a massive teachers' strike set to begin Thursday, prompting the city to preemptively cancel classes in the nation's third-largest school district.

The Chicago Teachers Union confirmed Wednesday night that its 25,000 members would not return to their classrooms Thursday after months of negotiation between the union and Chicago Public Schools failed to resolve disputes over pay and benefits, class size and teacher preparation time.

The strike is Chicago's first major walkout by teachers since 2012 and city officials announced early Wednesday that all classes had been canceled for Thursday in hopes of giving more planning time to 300,000 students' families.

"We want this to be a short strike with an agreement that will benefit our schools and our teachers. We have a ways to go," Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey said during a union news conference. "We actually want to see improvement on all the issues we are talking about here."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she was disappointed by the union's decision to strike.

"We are offering a historic package on the core issues — salary, staffing and class size," she said Wednesday night at her own news conference, adding that school district negotiators will remain at the bargaining table and that she hopes the union does, too. During the 2012 strike, the district kept some schools open for half days during a seven-day walkout. District officials said this time they will keep all buildings open during school hours, staffed by principals and employees who usually work in administrative roles.

Breakfast and lunch will be served, but all after-school



In this Oct. 14, 2019 photo, Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey, center right, and Vice President Stacy Davis Gates, center, left, march with members of the CTU and SEIU Local 73 through the Loop after a rally, three days before the unions could walk off the job on strike.

Associated Press

activities and school buses are suspended in the district serving more than 300,000 students.

Janice Jackson, the district's CEO, encouraged parents to send their children to the school that they normally attend, however they will be welcome in any district schools.

"We've put together a really comprehensive plan for the students," Jackson said. "We will make sure they are safe and they have a productive day."

Also striking will be 7,000 support staffers, whose union also failed to reach a contract agreement.

Before the strike announcement, June Davis said if teachers walked out, she would likely send her 7-year-old son, Joshua, to his usual elementary school — Smyth Elementary on the city's South Side where almost all students are low-income and minority.

Davis, 38, said she would otherwise have to take her son to his grandmother's in a southern suburb, requiring an hourlong trip on a regional bus line.

"Everybody's hoping they will come to some kind

of agreement, find some compromise," Davis said.

Lightfoot preemptively announced that classes on Thursday would be canceled, saying she wanted to give parents more time to plan. A clearly frustrated Lightfoot said the city had not only offered a 16% pay raise over the five-year contract, but the city also had agreed to put language in the contract addressing "enforceable targets" on class size and increasing staffing levels for positions such as nurses, librarians and social workers — items the union said were critical. She said the union's demands would cost an unaffordable \$2.5 billion per year.

Union leaders disputed Lightfoot's characterization of the city's willingness to concede to their demands on several issues, including class sizes.

"CPS' current class size offer falls far short of what's needed to address the sweeping scale of the problem," they said in a statement.

Lightfoot said the city agreed to make substantial changes on some of the

union's top priorities, but its negotiators responded by issuing additional demands, including some she deemed unacceptable.

"The union is still demanding to shorten instructional time by 30 minutes in the morning," she said. "We won't do that. We will not cheat our children out of instructional time."

Before heading into a downtown law firm for bargaining talks Wednesday morning, union vice president Stacy Davis Gates said there is a "gross disconnect" between Lightfoot's comments and what negotiators have put in writing.

"To say that you have offered a proposal that respects what we are asking for, to say you've bent over backward ... it's absolutely ridiculous," Davis Gates said.

Community organizations have been preparing for days to welcome students, ranging from a \$100 per day camp for elementary school kids at the Shedd Aquarium to all-day programs run by the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago and accessible for a \$20 annual membership fee. □

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Frustration and pride in Canada after a year of legal pot

By GENE JOHNSON, ELAINE THOMPSON and ROB GILLIES

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The weed is expensive, the selection is limited, the black market persists, and licensed stores are scarce.

It's one year into Canada's experiment in legal marijuana, and hundreds of legal pot shops have opened. While many residents remain proud of Canada for bucking prohibition, a lot still buy cannabis on the sly, because taxes and other issues mean high-quality bud can cost nearly twice what it did before legalization.

Much of the drug's production and distribution over the years has been controlled by outlaw groups, including the Hells Angels, and replacing such criminality with safe, regulated sales is a key goal of legalization.

Yet legal sales in the first year are expected to total just \$1 billion, an amount dwarfed by an illegal market still estimated at \$5 billion to \$7 billion.

"One customer told me, 'I love you and I want to support you, but I can't buy all my cannabis here. It's too expensive,'" said Jeremy Jacob, co-owner of Village Bloomery, a Vancouver pot store that feels more like a museum gift shop, with its high ceilings, graceful lighting, tidy wooden shelves and locked white cabinets hiding packages of marijuana. "The black-market producers are being well rewarded by legalization." The nation has seen no sign of increases in impaired driving or underage use since it joined Uruguay as the only countries to legalize and regulate the sale of cannabis to adults — those over 19 in most Canadian provinces. Delegations from other countries, including Mexico, have visited Canada as they explore the possibility of rewriting their own marijuana laws. But officials promised legalization would be a process, not an event, and they weren't wrong. Kinks abound, from what many consider wasteful pack-



In this Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019 photo, a customer sniffs a display sample of marijuana, in a tamper-proof container secured with a cable, sold at Evergreen Cannabis, a marijuana retail shop, in Vancouver, B.C.

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aging requirements and uneven quality to the slow pace of licensing stores and growers across most of the country.

Canada allowed provinces to shape their own laws within a federal framework, including setting the minimum age and deciding whether to distribute through state-run or private retail outlets. Some have done better than others.

The result: There now are more than 560 licensed stores across Canada, but more than half are in Alberta, the fourth-largest province.

Ontario and Quebec, which together make up two-thirds of Canada's population, have only about 45 shops between them. In Newfoundland, Canada's easternmost province, pot shop owner Tom Clarke said he's about to hit \$1.5 million in sales but isn't making any money, thanks to rules that limit him to just an 8% commission. Online sales, designed to

ensure far-flung communities can access the market even if they don't have a licensed shop, have been underwhelming, at least partly because consumers are reluctant to pay with a credit card if that transaction might come to the attention of U.S.-based banks or border guards, said Megan McCrae, board chair of the Cannabis Council of Canada industry group. Nowhere are the challenges of legalization more pronounced than British Columbia, which has had a flourishing cannabis culture since U.S. military draft-dodgers settled there during the Vietnam War era. They grew what became known as "B.C. Bud," high quality marijuana cherished by American consumers.

In Vancouver, which has 2.2 million residents and is Canada's third-largest city, there was tacit approval of marijuana even before legalization. Though storefront distribution of medi-

cal marijuana never was allowed by law, about 100 dispensaries operated in the city before legalization arrived.

Around the province, authorities have visited 165 illegal dispensaries in the past year and warned them to get licensed or shut down. Despite some raids, the government has been reluctant to close them all before more licensed shops open.

Licensing has been glacial, though, thanks to a change in power in the provincial government and cities being slow to approve zoning and other requirements, partly because the province has no tax-revenue-sharing agreement with local jurisdictions. Regulatory hurdles have also made it tough for B.C.'s many small growers to be licensed; instead, production is dominated by large corporations churning out pot by the ton from massive greenhouses.

Regulators hoped to have

250 legal shops operating in British Columbia by now; instead, they have only about 80 private stores and seven government-run shops. Through July, legal sales in B.C. were a meager \$25 million. Alberta, with a smaller population, hit \$145 million.

"Everybody still uses their neighbors and their backyards," said Susan Chappelle of the British Columbia Independent Cannabis Association.

Nevertheless, the legal market has fans. Vancouver resident Sarah Frank, who used to grow her own marijuana plants, loves that she can walk into a clean, welcoming, legal shop and walk out with a few grams of her favorite cannabis, actor Seth Rogen's Houseplant Sativa brand.

"You don't feel like a criminal," said Frank, 41. "I have friends who can't travel to the States because 20 years ago they got busted with a joint."

Some who want to get into the legal business are still waiting. With legalization looming last year, Chris Clay shut down his gray-market pot shop on Vancouver Island for what he thought would be a few months, eager to apply for a license and reopen. A year later, he's still waiting. Some of his workers went on unemployment and eventually found jobs elsewhere. He's barely avoided bankruptcy, and though local officials have finally started handling applications, he says it will likely be another three to six months before he's back in business.

"It's very frustrating," he said. "Tourists have been driving up and down the island all summer, saying, 'Where can we go? Where can we go?'"

For Mike Babins, who runs Evergreen Cannabis, the Vancouver shop where Frank buys her Seth Rogen-brand weed, it's just fine that legalization is developing slowly.

"Everyone's watching us," he said. "If anything goes wrong here, we're screwing it up for the whole world." □



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Canada's Liberal leader Justin Trudeau speaks during a campaign stop at the Botanical Garden in Montreal on Wednesday Oct. 16, 2019.

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Obama endorses Trudeau in unprecedented endorsement

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Barack Obama is urging Canadians to re-elect Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, an apparently unprecedented endorsement of a candidate in a Canadian election by a former American president. Obama tweeted Wednesday that he was proud to work with Trudeau and described him as a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. "The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term," Obama wrote. Trudeau later responded with his own tweet: "Thanks my friend, we're working hard to keep our progress going." Trudeau is in a tough re-election fight ahead of Monday's parliamentary

elections. Robert Bothwell, a professor of Canadian history and international relations at the University of Toronto, said that might have something to do with Obama's intervention. "Trudeau is in real danger," Bothwell said. "If I were a Liberal (Party) campaigner I would quietly point with pride to Obama's endorsement. I don't know if I'd run around toting it as a major political issue." Bothwell said you would have to go back more than 100 years to find an American president intervening in a Canadian federal election. He said former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, who was president from 1901 to 1909, visited Toronto in 1917 when Canada was having an election about conscription and spoke in favor of it. But Bothwell said he didn't know how explicit he was. □



A wooden shoe is attached to a protest sign during a farmers protest in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019.

Associated Press

By MIKE CORDER and PETER DEJONG
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Thousands of Dutch farmers, many driving tractors, poured into The Hague on Wednesday to protest government moves to rein in carbon and nitrogen emissions to better fight climate change. It was the second major protest this month by Dutch farmers who say the government is unfairly targeting them as it seeks to slash emissions. "They blame agriculture for everything at the moment because of nitrogen emissions," said farmer Jans de Wilcher. He added that "we as a sector store far more nitrogen than we produce. So we are actually helping the Dutch problem rather than making it worse — so why do we get the blame?" The government called in the military to block key intersections in downtown The Hague to prevent farmers reaching the commercial and political center of the city, which is the seat of

the Dutch Parliament. Large camouflage trucks carrying shipping containers were deployed at major roads. The farmers are angry at recently announced government plans to reduce emissions, particularly of nitrogen. They argue that the government's plans are based on inaccurate readings and calculations by the government-funded National Institute for Public Health and the Environment. The institute disputed that in a statement, calling its nitrogen measuring "robust and scientifically responsible." The farmers started their demonstration at the central city of De Bilt, where the institute has its headquarters, before heading to The Hague. There, they gathered around a small stage to listen to music and speeches from farmers and politicians. Some farmers managed to drive their tractors through parts of the city, while others blocked tram tracks near the central railway station.

There were no reports of violence. Mayor of The Hague Johan Remkes appealed to the farmers to stick to agreements about where they could protest — meaning they had to stay out of the town center. "Ignoring agreements is unacceptable and dangerous for residents and shoppers," he said, warning residents to take extra care amid the traffic disruptions. Farmers by the hundreds parked on a large grassy field just outside the city center and police effectively turned the main highway into the city into a tractor parking lot. Some farmers even drove along the North Sea beach, parking there and coming into town on busses, police said. Their lobby is powerful because of the economic significance of agriculture to the Dutch economy. The Dutch farmers' organization, LTO, says exports from the country's nearly 54,000 farms and agriculture businesses were worth 90.3 billion euros (\$98.3 billion) last year. □

Police, protesters clash in Catalonia for 3rd night

By JOSEPH WILSON

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

Rioting raged in Barcelona and several other Catalan towns for a third straight night Wednesday, with police fighting running street battles with protesters angered by lengthy prison sentences for nine leaders of the wealthy region's drive for independence from Spain.

Tens of thousands of protesters faced off against police in Barcelona. Some set up flaming barricades in the streets, torching cars and trash cans. They chanted, "The streets will always be ours!"

Catalan police said protesters threw gasoline bombs, stones, bottles and firecrackers at them.

Violence erupted in Catalonia after Spain's Supreme Court on Monday sentenced nine separatist Catalan leaders to up to 13 years in prison for their part in an October 2017 effort to declare independence for the region.

After a surge in separatist sentiment since the global economic crisis that hit Spain particularly hard, around half of Catalonia's 7.5 million residents want to break away from Spain and forge a new European country. The divisive issue



Police in riot gear chases protestors during clashes in Barcelona, Spain, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019. Associated Press

has divided families and friends, but demonstrations had largely been peaceful until this week.

Outnumbered police used riot helmets, vests and shields for protection. They fired foam bullets and swung batons to keep away the swarming radicals, most of who covered their faces. Police also drove armored vans at high speeds to scatter the crowds.

When police succeeded in dispersing one hot spot, another erupted.

One police helicopter was hit by five "pyrotechnic"

objects similar to fireworks, according to the regional police force. The rare passers-by or tourists caught in the middle of the melees scurried to safety. Some residents tossed water from balconies down on burning trash bins and debris while firefighters tried to keep up with the emergencies.

Central Barcelona, a leading tourist destination known for its beautiful architecture and relaxed atmosphere, became a no-go territory.

"(This is) shameful. It doesn't represent me," architect Gerard Beltri said. "I think

the verdict was very bad, but I think this (violence) is by a minority of the independence movement. The real independence movement is not like this. These people only want to do damage and that's it."

Health services in Catalonia said medics attended to 52 people in the region Wednesday. Police said late Wednesday that they had arrested "at least 20 people" throughout Catalonia for violent acts.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said the violent clashes wouldn't provoke him into taking drastic

measures in Catalonia, despite calls by rival parties to crack down on the separatist politicians in power in the region.

Sánchez, who is an interim prime minister while awaiting national elections Nov. 10, consulted with other national political leaders in Madrid during the day about the trouble in Catalonia.

The Spanish government will respond with "firmness, calmness and unity" to the confrontations, Sánchez said in a televised address. Sánchez blamed "organized groups of extremists" for the rioting but said he wouldn't be drawn into playing their game of an "ascending spiral of violence."

The protests followed the pattern of previous days as crowds gathered during the day to block roads and hold marches demanding independence. After sunset, marches turned ugly.

Police also reported clashes in Girona, a town near the French border, and other places. The clashes have injured more than 250 people, including police, over the past three days. On Monday police skirmished for hours to keep protesters from entering the Barcelona airport and shutting it down. □



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen gets in to her car after a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron at the Elysee Palace, Monday, Oct. 14, 2019.

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Ursula von der Leyen will have to wait a bit longer before she takes over as the next European Commission president after the European Parliament delayed a vote

on the appointment of her team on Wednesday.

The new European Commission, the powerful executive arm of the European Union which proposes laws and ensures they are im-

New European Commission delayed, to take office in December

plemented throughout the bloc, was initially scheduled to take office Nov. 1, but European lawmakers rejected three proposed candidates, delaying the whole process.

European Parliament president David Sassoli and the chairmen of the various political groups met Wednesday and decided not to include the vote of investiture in the agenda for next week's plenary session.

Parliament spokesman Jaume Duch tweeted that lawmakers are now "willing to vote on time to allow new Commission to start 1st December," and ask for

the "rapid appointment of the new 3 commissioners-designate."

The delay will allow France, Romania and Hungary to finalize their candidates after their initial choices were dismissed. The trio must be vetted before the full commission can be voted in.

In a blow to French President Emmanuel Macron's ambitions, France's nominee for the next commission, Sylvie Goulard, was rejected last week. A close ally of Macron, she had been nominated to take a high-profile position overseeing Europe's internal market, industry and de-

fense.

Goulard failed to convince Parliament members who quizzed her twice about allegations she misused funds and consulted for a U.S. think tank while she served in the EU Parliament. Her rejection came after the parliament's legal committee refused to give its approval to Rovana Plumb of Romania and Laszlo Trocsanyi of Hungary to face official hearings over conflict of interest concerns.

The current commission will stay on after November, handling day-to-day matters until the new one takes office. □



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Cuba to let citizens buy imports with foreign currencies

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban government says it will allow citizens to use 10 foreign currencies to buy products like televisions and air conditioners at state stores in an attempt to compete with a multi-billion-dollar informal market in imported goods.

The communist state has a monopoly on most forms of retail sales and all wholesaling, import and export. The only legal vendors of appliances like refrigerators and air conditioners are state stores that charge as much as 200 percent of the average global price for generally low-quality Chinese-made products that are often out of stock.

That has led to an illegal but tolerated black market in goods purchased abroad by individual Cubans and resold at a profit on the island. Thousands of Cubans each year fly to shopping districts catering to them in countries ranging from Panama to Haiti to Russia. By some estimates, the sellers known as "mules" spend some \$2 billion a year overseas, a major outflow of hard currency from

an island already in a serious cash crunch.

Cuban officials announced Tuesday night that the prices of some consumer goods would drop for Cubans who create special new hard-currency bank accounts denominated in U.S. and Canadian dollars, Euros, British pounds, Swiss francs, Mexican pesos, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish kroner and Japanese yen.

Cubans will also be able to use the accounts to import goods through state-run companies, officials said on national television, although the precise mechanism for those private-public imports remains unclear. Products that will be available for foreign currency include 43-inch flat-screen televisions, standing freezers, refrigerators and mini-split air conditioners. The discounts over current prices appear to be marginal — Reports in state media indicated that the government would still charge some 75 percent above the wholesale price. A 43-inch Samsung television, for example, would sell for



In this Dec. 19, 2014 file photo, bank notes from various countries are displayed on the wall of a small beverage shop near the beach in Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press

\$549, state media said, about twice the cost of a similar item in the U.S.

"Money is leaving the country in significant amounts to acquire these products and we need to capture it as a source of hard currency to restock our indus-

trial base, our retail stores, our market," Vice President Salvador Valdés Mesa said in an appearance along other government ministers and high-ranking economic officials. Cubans who open hard-currency accounts will be given a bank

card used to purchase discounted goods. The move adds a new complication to Cuba's unusual multiple-currency system. Cubans currently use Cuban pesos worth about 4 cents each and convertible pesos worth about a dollar. □

Brazil's income inequality hits highest since at least 2012

By DAVID BILLER

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's income inequality in 2018 reached its highest level since the start of the national statistics' series in 2012, according to data released Wednesday, reflecting an economic downturn that's taken an outsized toll on the poor. Data from the national statistics agency

showed the so-called Gini coefficient used to measure inequality is at a level just above that registered in 2012. Marcelo Neri of the Getulio Vargas Foundation university said increases from 2015 to 2018 represent a reversal from prior years of "inclusive growth."

"There is the effect of unemployment, but it's not just

that. The data show lower salaries of people who are employed," Neri said. "The poorest lost more salary, and during the whole period there was a certain lack of social safety nets for the poorest."

Brazil suffered a devastating recession in 2015 and 2016 that sent unemployment surging into the

double digits. Since then, growth has averaged just over 1% annually, a far cry from the robust activity during the global commodities boom of the previous decade. The International Monetary Fund expects growth below 1% this year before Latin America's largest economy gains steam in 2020.

Indeed leading data show the trend of widening inequality continued into 2019, Neri said.

In 2018, the richest 10% of Brazilians accounted for 43.1% of national income, up from 41.4% in 2015, according to the statistics institute. The poorest 30% of Brazilian earners saw their incomes fall from 2017. □

Embattled Argentine farmers eye presidential vote with fear

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

PERGAMINO, Argentina

(AP) — Juan Rossi walks between rows of green wheat at his farm in one of Argentina's most fertile agricultural regions, worrying about the future of the farming sector that is the main economic engine of this country.

When he planted the wheat, he expected conservative Mauricio Macri to be reelected president of Argentina. Now, farmers like Rossi are bracing for a possible return of the interventionist policies of Macri's now-favored main rival: the presidential ticket of Alberto Fernández and former President Cristina Fernández.

Export restrictions imposed during Cristina Fernandez's 2007-2015 left-of-center government triggered a revolt in 2008 by Argentina's farmers, who are among the world's top suppliers of grains. She is now running as vice president with her former aide bidding for the presidency in the Oct. 27 national elections.

Fears of a return of high export taxes come as agriculture seeks to rebound from one of the worst drought in years that badly damaged crops two seasons ago.

"Today, we have uncertainty about whether they'll allow us to continue as we've been doing so far, or if they're going to put a spoke in our wheel," Rossi said on his farm on the outskirts of the city of Pergamino, where he also grows corn and keeps chickens and peacocks. "We're in the middle of this fog and no one knows what's going to happen."

Rossi was among a group of jubilant Argentine farmers who cheered the business-friendly Macri when he arrived in their town in the Pampas grain belt in 2015 to announce that he would scrap taxes on exports of corn and wheat to jumpstart the economy.

It was a moment of victory for Macri, who had recently taken office, and of hope for farmers, who had been hobbled by the strict export limits imposed by the pre-



In this Oct. 9, 2019 photo, farmer Juan Rossi poses for a picture on his wheat farm, on the outskirts of Pergamino, Argentina, where he also grows corn and keeps chickens and peacocks.

Associated Press

vious government. Since then, it has only been ups and downs.

Rossi says improved weather gave them some "oxygen" for this year's harvest. But then Macri surprisingly turned in a worse showing in primary elections than the left-leaning Peronist candidate Alberto Fernández, causing stocks to plunge and the peso to depreciate even further in recession-hit Argentina, which has been struggling with rapidly rising prices and increasing poverty.

The primary results also coincided with a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that lowered estimates for Argentina's soy and corn crops based on weather conditions, said Esteban Copati, head of agricultural forecasts at the Buenos Aires grains exchange.

"There was a double whammy," Copati said. "On the one side, there was this change in the political scenario that changed the intention of growers to plant since they started to

become fearful of what the policies of this new government could be. And on the other hand, there was the impact of the drop in international prices."

Farmers and ranchers say they don't want a return to restrictions that in 2008 led them to block goods from reaching Argentine cities, causing severe shortages of beef and produce. Unmoved goods rotted and supermarket shelves were bare in many regions.

The three-week strike over export taxes became one of the biggest crises of Cristina Fernández's presidency. She said the taxes were aimed at redistributing the riches from the agricultural sector in a country where many are poor.

Farming leaders have met with Alberto Fernández, who served as chief of staff during a portion of Cristina Fernández's first term as president but left in 2008 following the conflict. The two are not related.

Farmers said the candidate asked them to turn the page at the recent meet-

ing. He later told reporters that the session marked the "beginning of a good, fruitful bond."

The farming sector is a major source of foreign currency for Argentina and the next administration will be eager to count on bringing in those reserves to avert a debt default and a further deepening of a currency crisis.

Many Argentines are increasingly frustrated by the sputtering economy, rising poverty and austerity measures. Some analysts say that Macri's administration set overly optimistic goals and that a decision by the central bank to hike the inflation target caused investors to begin doubting Macri's commitment to taming price rises. Macri's government was forced to strike a record \$56 billion bailout loan with the International Monetary Fund following a sharp depreciation of the peso against the U.S. dollar last year.

"After four years of the Macri government, we realize that this model that some

of us cautioned about has become a reality," Sebastian Campo said as he herded cows at his farm on the outskirts of Pergamino. He said he is among a small minority in this area who don't back Macri, but he hasn't decided yet on whom to vote for.

In recent days, Macri has reached out to farmers, promising them "more technology, more innovation and less taxes" while praising their contributions at a time of crisis.

"Our countryside amounts to 40 percent of our economy and generates a third of jobs for Argentines," Macri said Saturday on Twitter. "We want to propel it so it can create more employment and opportunities."

It's no coincidence that shortly after he took office, Macri chose a farm in Pergamino to make one of the most important economic announcements of his presidency.

"Pergamino is an icon of agriculture in Argentina. It's the equivalent of the corn belt in the United States," said Agustin Tejeda, chief economic analyst at the Buenos Aires Grains Exchange. "It's in the heart of the most fertile lands and a great agricultural tradition." The city of 105,000 people, located in Buenos Aires province, is also a hub for Argentine agribusiness. Farmers and ranchers drive pickup trucks and tractors along dusty roads passing through seemingly endless flat fields in one of the world's top soy exporters and a key producer of corn and wheat.

"The road that Argentines have chosen is the road of change, of openness, of free trade," said Jorge Josifovich, an agricultural engineer who owns and manages farm lands in the area.

"Faced with the likelihood of a new (Fernández) government, we don't have any expectations that the road that began in 2015 will continue," he said. "They care very little about farmers. Just as we still see ghosts in them, they still see us as the enemy." □

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ORANJESTAD — Your teen times. It is most probably the most difficult phase and at the same time it is the best part of your life. For a parent the teen is challenging and rebellion is part of it, but teens ... they need love. The recently launched Happy Community Initiative (HCI) asks your support to set up a high-quality after school program for Aruban teens. Six out of ten teens are home alone here, mostly because parents work to meet ends. One Happy Island wishes for Happy Teens.

Sandra, a mother of two sons in the age of 13 and 16: “It is really important to have a high-quality after school program because, I have no place to leave them after school. The parents are working, like myself, which leaves the children alone at home.” She finds it difficult to know that her kids are home alone for several reasons: “I do not know what he is doing. He is kind of isolated and spends too much time on social media.” She would prefer her children to be stimulated in their interests and be able to try for example music instruments, arts & crafts and sports. “In that way, they can explore what their interest is and develop a passion for something. Nowadays teens seem so shallow and inactive because of the devices that keep them engaged.” She acknowledges that the economic situation on Aruba forces parents to work hard to provide for their family needs and that makes life more stressful. It affects the teens who are left alone and lack the support in such a difficult age. “Not everyone can count on family or friends to help. In that case there seems to be no other choice.”

Fix your mindset

Shulaika, a single mother of two children who are teens like San-

dra’s boys asked her children if they would be open to participate in such a program. They both are into it as long as the rules are not too strict, they said. A typical teenage answer but remember: it is still the adult that needs to keep the supervision and decide what is good for their children. Sandra: “They think they are old enough to do and decide things, but they are not. They are looking for an identity and are very vulnerable. I see it around me. A lot of teens stay home alone and many single parents work double jobs. I mean, how on earth do you manage and still have energy for your teens like that?” In her opinion it is all about your mindset: You can convince yourself that it is okay to leave them home alone but if you think honestly it is not. “They are still children and they need your love, your support, your encouragement, your nurture, acceptance and attention.”

Some facts

Millions of people around the world love Aruba, the ONE HAPPY ISLAND and the home away from home. Tourism in Aruba is performing great. However, in Aruba, about six of ten youngsters between the ages of 12 and 18 are alone or without adult supervision after school time. In ad-



dition to this, many of Aruba’s youngsters do not travel (often) and experience boredom from a lack of activities during school vacations. Furthermore, four out of ten Aruban youngsters do not finish secondary school. This is a very big issue for Aruba’s future economy and the local tourism industry. A recent study found at least 60% of Aruba’s youth is asking for afterschool programs, aiming at sports, cooking, art programs and a safe place to hang out with their friends.

Small gesture, big impact

Aruba’s visitor charity program HCI is raising funds to roll out an after school program. “The objective is to raise \$110K by June 1st, 2020 which can cater to 40 youngsters for one year where they will receive homework guidance, opportunity to participate in sports, music lessons and art classes, meals and beverages, operations costs, guidance support and materials”, says Kimberly Mathilda, Coordinator of HCI. “\$2254.90 has been collected so far, should each of us donate we can reach our goal faster.” □

Our Newest Column is All about YOUTH and Happiness

ORANJESTAD — Our newest column Happy Community Initiative is published bi-weekly on Thursdays in Aruba Today. We inform you about this dynamic, new projects from a different angle to give you a complete feel, so follow us and stay engaged!

The Happy Community Initiative is a visitor charity program that you can help strengthen Aruba’s community by donating to good causes. CEDE Aruba, a dynamic community foundation, the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA), the Aruba Tourism Authority and several companies collaborate in this platform for visitors who would like to make a donation, but also volunteer in the future. The priority is set to support projects for Aruban youths. CEDE Aruba will make sure that the donations reach meaningful projects of local non-profits, based upon quality and transparency of finances of the offered programs. In this manner, you can be assured that your donation will reach its goal! With your donation, you support Aruban children with after school programs, mentorship activities and social support. You can donate at the kiosks in the lobby of several hotels (Costa Linda, Playa Linda, Paradise Beach Villas and La Cabana) or you can donate on the website: <https://happycommunityaruba.org/donate>. □

Opening of Hyatt Place Aruba Airport



ORANJESTAD — The Hyatt Place Aruba Airport is a fact, the newest hotel of Aruba opened its doors officially yesterday morning. With 116 rooms in contemporary style the hotel aims for the business and leisure traveler.

The opening event was attended by many guests among others the Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes, Tourism Minister of Tourism, Public Health & Sports Dangui Oduber, the



Minister of Regional Planning, Infrastructure and Environment Otmar Oduber, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Glenbert Croes and President of the Tourism Commission Setty Yarzagaray.

General Manager Marta Raven welcomed the guests and thanked her 43-headed staff for the enormous effort to realize

the project. The 43 employees (42 of them are locals) were all standing on the stairways as a way of present themselves while the speeches took place. The hotel offers an outdoor pool, 24/7 gym and 2,320 sq. ft. of event space. For more information check out the website: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/aruba/hyatt-place-aruba-airport/auaza>. □

It was love at first sight!

PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The symbolic Distinguished Visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were **Dennis and Kimberley Valor** from New Jersey, USA!

This lovely couple stated that Aruba is and will always be their second home. They fell in love with the island the first time they came in 2000! They also stated that they love Aruba very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its rich culture, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Barceló Aruba, presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home- away-from-home. □



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Bohemian Restaurant: Tonight live Violinist Angela



PALM BEACH — Avant-garde from France, nonconformist in style and ethnic in cuisine. That is what the new kid in town is about. Bohemian Restaurant is different, unconventional and a rebel with a cause. The cause is to make you feel king in this hidden garden with outstanding dishes that connect you to the European liaisons of Aruba. TONIGHT has an extra magic: the live Violinist Angela performs! From traditional French and Italian famous melodies to more upbeat pop and rock and roll. A taste for everyone.

A garden full of strong trees and dressed up in New York-style industrial-look elements creates a cosmopolitan vibe while at the same time the tropical breeze and outside dining connect to the Caribbean. Waiters with French barrettes and pant suspenders service you with a happy and loose style with on the background the sounds of underground chill music varied with French classics.

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The French are famous for their culinary art. Bohemian is the ONLY French owned restaurant on Aruba and offers you Grande gastronomy in a hip decor. French classics like Coq-au-Vin, Beef tartare, Escargot, Duck Foie Gras Terrine, Bouillabaisse Fish Soup, Tuna-Tartare, Quinoa-Salad, Rib-Eye Butter Maître-D, Crème Brûlée, Chocolate Lava Cake and Pineapple Carpaccio are on the menu. Mediterranean inspired dishes



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The Upcoming Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance Convention to be a Symposium for and by Nature Experts, Researchers, Managers and the Youth



KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE — The upcoming convention of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) will be taking place on Bonaire this year and will focus on youth participation, marine park management, coral restoration, research and strategic planning. All six National Park Management organizations from the Dutch Caribbean and the key players and other local stakeholders are joining forces to jointly enhance strategic nature management policies for the coming years. Attending the symposium will also be the World Wildlife Fund (WWF-NL), Bird Protection Netherlands, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN-NL), the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), and coral scientists from Wageningen University & Research and Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire. Also, during the convention youth from the Dutch Caribbean islands will be brought together to learn about each other's nature conservation activities on their respective islands. There is also a public lecture on coral reefs on October 28 at 7:30 pm at Captain Don's Hotel, Bonaire

Collaboration is essential

A joint approach to address common conservation challenges across all six islands of the Caribbean will greatly benefit nature protection in the Dutch Kingdom. The park management organizations on all six islands are much stronger together than individually and several Dutch organizations indicate needing the parks to achieve their goals and to implement joint plans for the enhancement of nature conservation activities on all six islands of the Dutch Caribbean. The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA), together with the invited organizations, aims to expand, professionalize and strengthen the expertise that the protected areas in the Dutch Caribbean currently have. It goes without saying that even things that go well can and should be better in the perspective of the serious consequences of climate change. Many issues that all islands face can better be solved together. Together we can achieve more.

Youth participation

Nature management is first and foremost dedicated to the benefit and the use of natural resources for the future generations. During the upcoming DCNA convention, which will now be organized annually, special attention will be paid to the youth nature programs of the six Dutch Caribbean islands. From the youth programs of Fundacion Parke Nacional Aruba, STINAPA Bonaire, CARMABI on Curaçao, Saba Conservation Foundation, Sint Maarten Nature Foundation and STENAPA on Sint Eustatius, four teenagers have been selected per island and will be brought

together at the convention. Thanks to co-financing of the World Wide Fund for Nature, Rabobank and STINAPA, a weekend-long program has been organized, with overnight stays, field excursions and workshops in the Washington Slagbaai National Park, especially for the participants. It will be a unique experience where they will have the opportunity to learn about each other's nature and have memorable experiences. They will complete their program with a presentation. The young nature ambassadors will present their own knowledge and experience and how they want to initiate further action together with the respective local organizations on their home islands.

Strategic planning

DCNA's various partners and other stakeholders in nature management in the Caribbean often have similar goals or goals that are in line with each other. During the various workshops under the theme "strategic planning", the participating organizations will work on concrete work plans and specific assignment of tasks, thereby optimizing support for focused conservation efforts. WWF-NL, Bird Protection Netherlands, IUCN-NL and DCNA will all come together in this regard.

Coral workshops for biologists

As part of a soon to be released coral action plan and the coral restoration work being done by the six Dutch Caribbean islands, a special day of lectures, workshops and a field excursion has been compiled for biologists associated with protected areas in the Dutch Caribbean. In addition, the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) will be present and will facilitate a workshop on the upcoming call for research proposals.

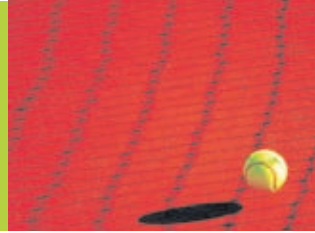
Public reading coral reefs

For anyone who is interested and committed to the status of the coral reefs on Bonaire and would like to meet the regional experts in person, there is a public lecture by dr. Erik Meesters of Wageningen University & Research on Monday October 28 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Captain Don's hotel, Bonaire.

Four themes, one convention

The aforementioned four themes form the common thread of the convention. Together we will make of it a huge success, which will represent the starting point of a new phase in nature management in the Caribbean. □

SPORTS



Joe Maddon returns to Los Angeles Angels as new manager

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Joe Maddon is back under the halo.

Maddon agreed to a three-year deal to become the Los Angeles Angels' manager on Wednesday, reuniting the World Series-winning former manager of the Chicago Cubs with the organization where he spent the first three decades of his baseball career.

"We are thrilled that Joe is coming back home and bringing an exciting brand of baseball to our fans," general manager Billy Eppler said. "Every stop he has made throughout his managerial career, he has built a culture that is focused on winning while also allowing his players to thrive. We believe Joe will be a great asset for our club and look forward to him leading the team to another World Series championship."

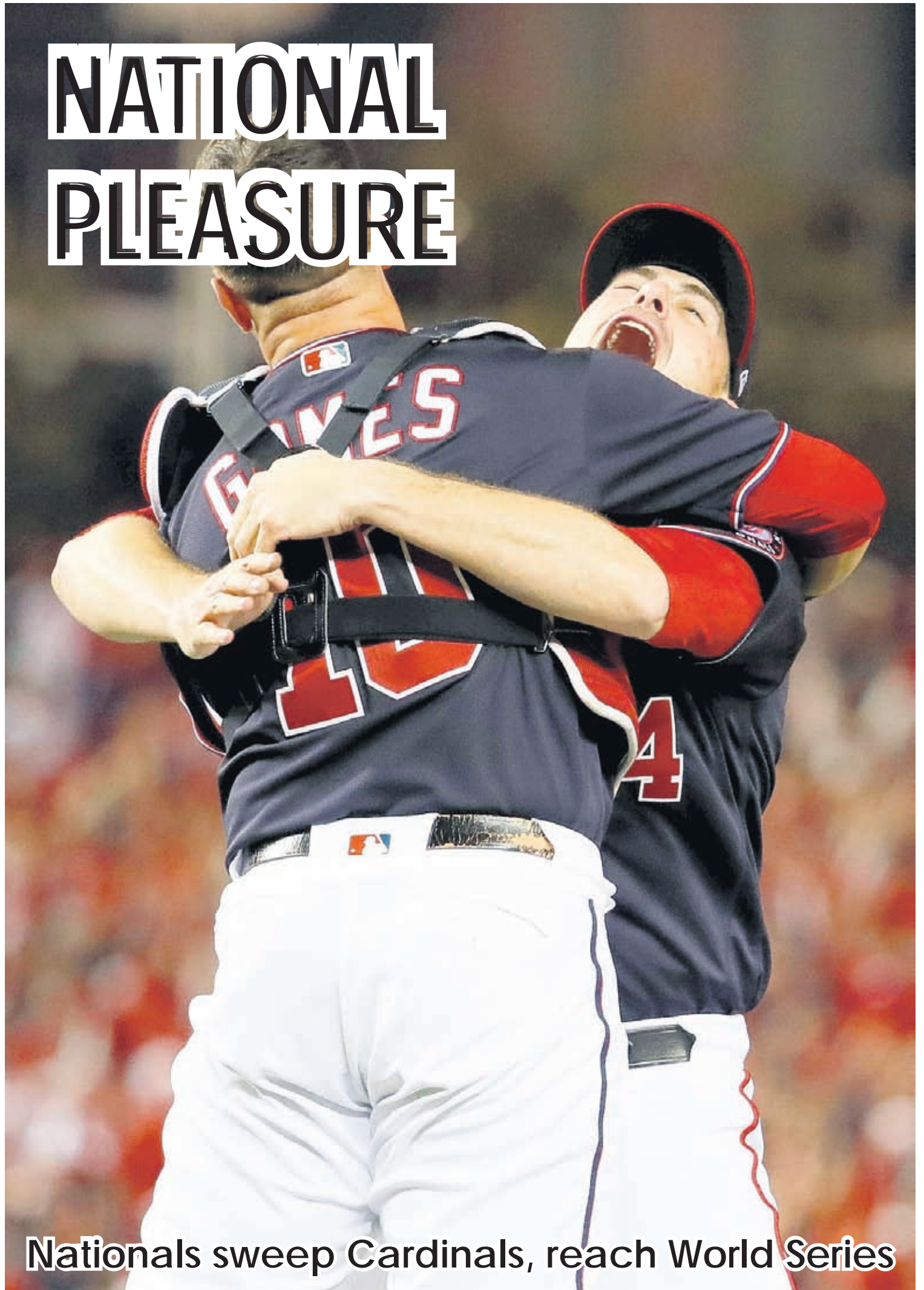
The Angels will formally introduce the 65-year-old Maddon at a news conference next week, but he already knows his way around Angel Stadium.

Maddon signed with the Angels as an undrafted catcher in 1975, and he spent the next 31 seasons working at almost every level of the organization as a player, coach and manager. He served as a big league assistant coach under five managers, and he had two stints as the Angels' interim manager.

He was the Angels' bench coach alongside manager Mike Scioscia during their championship season in 2002.

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NATIONAL PLEASURE



Nationals sweep Cardinals, reach World Series

Washington Nationals' Yan Gomes and Daniel Hudson celebrate after Game 4 of the baseball National League Championship Series Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in Washington. The Nationals won 7-4 to win the series 4-0.

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Vasilevskiy leads Lightning to a 3-1 win over Canadiens

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — Andrei Vasilevskiy made 33 saves to help the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 on Tuesday night in the fifth game of a six-game road trip. Braydon Coburn, Steven Stamkos and Tyler Johnson scored for the Lightning (3-2-1), who were coming off a 4-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators. Nikita Kucherov added two assists. The 25-year-old Vasilevskiy improved to 8-1-2 in his career against Montreal. Jeff Petry scored the lone goal for the Canadiens (2-2-2) while Carey Price stopped 19-of-22 shots in defeat.

The Canadiens came into the matchup with the league's fourth-best offense, scoring four goals per game, but they could only get one past Vasilevskiy.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, WILD 2

TORONTO (AP) — Mitch Marner had a goal and two assists and Toronto overcame a slow start and beat Minnesota.

Andreas Johnsson had a goal and an assist, and Auston Matthews and John Tavares also scored for Toronto. Frederik Andersen made 27 saves.

Maple Leafs defenseman Morgan Rielly added four assists in the second period, tying a franchise record for assists in a period of a regular-season game set



Montreal Canadiens' Max Domi can't get to the puck on a shot deflected by Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy as he is covered by Lightning's Victor Hedman (77) during the third period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in Montreal.

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by Rick Vaive on March 12, 1984.

Luke Kunin and Gerald Mayhew scored for Minnesota. Devan Dubnyk stopped 30 shots for the Wild, who were coming off a 2-0 win at Ottawa on Monday.

COYOTES 4, JETS 2

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Christian Dvorak scored a pair of goals and Arizona beat Winnipeg.

The Coyotes had lost 10 straight games in Winnipeg, since the Jets franchise moved from Atlanta in 2011.

Nick Schmaltz had a goal and two assists for Arizona and Conor Garland also scored. Oliver Ekman-Larsson finished with two assists.

Darcy Kuemper made 38 saves for the Coyotes.

Mark Scheifele had a goal and an assist and extended his point streak to five games with his team-leading fourth goal of the season for Winnipeg. Kyle Connor also scored for Winnipeg, and Josh Morrissey had a pair of assists. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 31 shots for the Jets.

FLAMES 3, FLYERS 1

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Michael Frolik scored in his 800th NHL game and Calgary beat Philadelphia.

Frolik scored the 154th goal of his 13-season career, fifth as a member of the Flames. Andrew Mangiapane also scored, and Elias Lindholm added an empty-net

goal for Calgary, which snapped a two-game losing skid.

David Rittich made 21 saves and improved to 3-2 on the season.

Defenseman Matt Niskanen scored for the Flyers. Brian Elliott made 35 saves in his first start of the season.

PREDATORS 5, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Pekka Rinne made 33 saves to remain unbeaten as Nashville topped Vegas.

Rinne is 4-0-0 this season and has been splendid in the net, stifling one of the NHL's most potent offenses. Kyle Turris, Colton Sissons, Calle Jarnkrok, Filip Forsberg and Nick Bonino scored for the Predators,

who had nine players get points in the win. Seventeen of Nashville's 20 skaters to appear in a game registered a point.

Mark Stone and Reilly Smith scored for the Golden Knights, who had won their previous two games after outscoring their opponents by a combined final of 11-4.

Marc-Andre Fleury, whose five goals allowed was a season-high, made 34 saves.

CANUCKS 5, RED WINGS 1

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — J.T. Miller had a pair of goals and Elias Pettersson and Alex Edler each had a goal and a two assists as Vancouver used a potent power play to beat Detroit.

Troy Stecher also had a goal and Brock Boeser finished with three assists for Vancouver.

The Red Wings' lone goal came from Dylan Larkin. Jonathan Bernier stopped 27 of 32 shots for Detroit.

Thatcher Demko had 26 saves and picked up his first win of the season in his first start for Vancouver.

The Canucks have won three games in a row, matching last year's best win streak.

HURRICANES 2, KINGS 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Petr Mrazek made 31 saves in his 19th career shutout, and Carolina extended its torrid start to the season with a win over Los Angeles. □

Kitzbuehel ski races to pay winners record 100,000 euros

VIENNA (AP) — Prize money in Alpine skiing is set to reach new heights in the upcoming World Cup season as the winners of the classic downhill and the slalom in Kitzbuehel in January will both receive 100,000 euros (\$111,000), a record for a single race.

Organizers of the traditional Hahnenkamm races announced Wednesday they have raised their total prize fund from last season by 25 percent to 725,000 euros (\$801,500) to mark the 80th anniversary of the event.

"We don't want to invest



In this Sunday, March 17, 2019 file photo, Austria's Marcel Hirscher, left, and United States' Mikaela Shiffrin hold the World Cup overall trophies, at the alpine ski finals in Soldeu, Andorra.

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the budget for the 80th Hahnenkamm races into a jubilee party, but the local ski club prefers to set an example for the athletes," chief organizer Michael Huber said.

The races in Kitzbuehel, a marquee stop on the men's World Cup drawing tens of thousands of spectators each year, will be held on Jan. 24-26. They also consist of a super-G, where the winner will be awarded 68,500 euros (\$75,700).

World Cup organizers typically pay 45,000 Swiss francs (\$45,170) for a win.

Prize money is paid down to 30th place, which usually earns around \$500.

Last season, Mikaela Shiffrin earned a record 886,000 Swiss francs (\$889,400) in prize money on the way to her third straight overall title. The now retired Marcel Hirscher, who won a record-extending eighth straight overall title, topped the men's list with 565,000 Swiss francs (\$567,000).

The World Cup season starts Oct. 26-27 with giant slaloms for women and men on the Rettenbach glacier in Soelden, Austria. □

Nats sweep Cards; DC in World Series for 1st time since '33

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Washington Nationals moved a party 86 years in the making from their ball-park's infield to a booze-filled clubhouse, manager Dave Martinez paused near the dugout and thrust the silver NL Championship Series trophy overhead, to the delight of loud, delirious fans still in the stands.

Who would have thought this was possible five months ago, when the team was flailing, trade talk was swirling around Washington and folks figured Martinez's job was in jeopardy?

From 19-31 during a mediocre May to the Fall Classic in an outstanding October — and the city's first World Series appearance since 1933.

Extending their stunning turnaround, the wild-card Nationals got RBIs from middle-of-the-order stars Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto in a seven-run first inning Tuesday night, and Patrick Corbin's 12-strikeout performance plus a trio of relievers helped hold on to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 in Game 4 to complete a sweep in the NLCS.

"Often, bumpy roads lead to beautiful places," said Martinez, who underwent a heart procedure in September, "and this is a beautiful place."

Right from the first inning Tuesday, most in a sellout crowd of 43,976 rose from their seats to applaud or yell or twirl their red towels, to chant "Let's go, Nats!" and "M-V-P!" and various players' names, enjoying every moment of that game-deciding outburst.

And then, a couple of hours and several innings later, as Tanner Rainey, Sean Doolittle and Daniel Hudson were protecting a shrinking lead, those same spectators stood and shouted and reveled some more.

"I just kept counting down: We're 12 outs from the World Series. We're nine outs from the World Series," shortstop Trea Turner said. "Six. Three."

Now the Nationals get plenty of time to rest and



The Washington Nationals celebrate after Game 4 of the baseball National League Championship Series Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in Washington. The Nationals won 7-4 to win the series 4-0.

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set up their so-far terrific rotation before beginning the last series of the season against the Houston Astros or New York Yankees in a week. Houston leads the best-of-seven AL Championship Series 2-1 after winning Game 3 at New York 4-1 Tuesday.

The Nationals became the fourth team to reach the World Series after being 12 games under .500.

"We think we can compete with any team, any time," NLCS MVP Howie Kendrick said. "People always get caught up in the things that are on paper, but the reality of it is you have to go out and play. Once we get out on the field, anything can happen."

The last time the World Series came to the nation's capital, more than eight decades ago, the Washington Senators lost to the New York Giants in five games. Have to go even further back, to 1924, for the city's lone baseball championship, when the Senators defeated the Giants.

The Senators eventually left, and the town didn't have a major league team at all for more than three decades until the Montreal Expos — who were

founded in 1969 and never made it to the World Series — moved to Washington in 2005.

The Nationals had never managed to advance in the postseason since arriving, going 0-4 in the NLDS over the last seven years, including three Game 5 losses at home.

First baseman Ryan Zimmerman, the Nationals' first draft pick in Washington, was there for all of that heartache.

"Sometimes," he said, "you got to wait for good things." This month alone, the Nationals beat the Milwaukee Brewers in the NL wild-card game after trailing 3-1 heading to the eighth, and eliminated the league-best Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 5 of the NL Division Series after trailing 3-1 heading to the eighth again.

Then came this lopsided dismissal of the NL Central champion Cardinals, who were outscored 20-6 in the series.

"Of course, we could've played better," said St. Louis first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, who was 1 for 16 with nine strikeouts in the NLCS, "but we didn't."

Corbin, a left-handed pitcher signed with \$140

million of the money that became available last off-season when Bryce Harper left town to join the Philadelphia Phillies, was not quite the equal of Washington's other starters in the series.

Still, he did become the first pitcher to strike out 10 batters in the first four innings of a postseason game and earned the win after allowing four runs in five innings. Then Martinez turned to his NL-worst bullpen, such a problem for so much of this season.

After Rainey got three outs, and Doolittle got five, Hudson came in for his fourth save in four chances this postseason. It wasn't easy, though: After replacing Doolittle with two outs in the eighth, Hudson hit his first batter and walked his second, bringing pinch-hitter Matt Carpenter to the plate as the go-ahead run with the bases loaded.

Carpenter, a career .481 batter with the bases full, grounded out to second baseman Brian Dozier, a defensive replacement who briefly lost the ball before gathering it and throwing to first to end that inning. Hudson finished things with a perfect ninth, getting Tommy Edman on a fly

ball to center field to end it, and red fireworks went off around the stadium.

Corbin got this evening started with a 1-2-3 top of the first, striking out all three Cardinals with a high, 95 mph fastball, a real contrast to the off-speed stuff Stephen Strasburg used for his own dozen Ks a night earlier.

In the bottom half, Washington put up those seven runs, all charged to rookie Dakota Hudson, who lasted all of 15 pitches — doing to the Cardinals what they did in the previous round, when they scored 10 to open Game 5 of the NLDS against Atlanta.

All the heartache of playoffs past seemed to dissipate during an evening that only briefly was tense for the home team and its supporters: In the fifth, a juggled Cardinals lineup finally awoke, scoring three runs — one more than the team managed to produce in Games 1-3 combined — to get within 7-4.

With a man on second and the tying run in the on-deck circle, Corbin came through, striking out St. Louis' 3-4 hitters, Paul Goldschmidt and Marcell Ozuna, with sliders.

After becoming comeback specialists, the Nationals never trailed against the Cardinals. And dating to the final week of the regular season, Washington has won 16 of its past 18 games.

"We proved — and this doesn't require advanced sabermetrics," Cardinals manager Mike Shildt said, "you have to get a lead to win a game."

UP NEXT

Cardinals: Their next game will come in spring training, an exhibition at home in Jupiter, Florida, on Feb. 22.

Nationals: They will play Games 1 and 2 of the World Series at the AL team's stadium, because both the Astros (107) and Yankees (103) won more games than Washington's 93 in the regular season. Games 3, 4 and, if necessary, 5 will be at Nationals Park. Washington did not face either Houston or the Yankees in interleague play in 2019. □

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Iditarod changes tack, will meet with animal welfare leader

By RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— The new head of Alaska's Iditarod plans to meet with a leader of an animal welfare group that's devoted to ending the world's most famous sled dog race, which it sees as a cruel, deadly event for its canine participants.

Organizers of the 1,000-mile wilderness trek have for decades ignored or taken a defensive stance against People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach, who took the helm of the organization in July.

The old response hasn't worked, Urbach said. He has started talking to PETA about dog care and will meet Thursday with the group's executive vice president Tracy Reiman in Los Angeles.

"I'm coming in with open ears and eyes, to have an objective conversation



In this March 3, 2018, file photo, Anchorage resident Terry Fischer, with his Alaskan Husky Litho, happens into the People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals, PETA protest prior to the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage, Alaska. Associated Press

about animal welfare," Urbach said Tuesday. "If there's something we can learn from their organization, I'm willing to listen."

Reiman plans to talk about the differences between "the needs and behavior of dogs and those of humans," she said in an email to The Associated Press.

She said it will be the third

time she has talked with Urbach. The Thursday meeting will be the first in person, after Urbach asked to meet.

Reiman noted that as a former CEO of USA Triathlon, Urbach knows endurance sports but not when applied to dogs.

"You can't extrapolate from human experiences in en-

durance racing and apply the result to dogs who are driven past their limits," she said.

The Thursday summit, as Urbach calls it, comes after a difficult time for the Iditarod that was marked in recent years by escalating pressure from animal activists over multiple dog deaths, a 2017 dog-doping scandal and the loss of big-name sponsors.

Urbach said the Iditarod and PETA both care about animal welfare, and he hopes the two can find common ground through education about the race and treatment of the dogs. However, he said PETA has long spread "grossly inaccurate and inflammatory" information about the Iditarod, saying it ruins dogs that don't die on the trail; dogs are kept outdoors in freezing temperatures; and ones that can't make the grade are killed.

Plenty of dogs have run the

race multiple times with no harm, Urbach said, noting that Iditarod dogs are outdoor animals that train daily and are at their prime in sub-zero weather.

"There might have been some culling years ago, but that's not part of the Iditarod's culture going forward," Urbach said.

Reiman said human athletes aren't chained outside in freezing weather and they get proper nutrition and hydration. Her group has documented that Iditarod dogs are "fed rotten slop" and frozen water, she said.

"We're not opposed to a thousand-mile race, but the true test of endurance is when humans do it under their own power — as some have — and leave dogs out of it," she wrote. By PETA's count, more than 150 dogs have died in the race, including one this year. Five dogs connected with the 2017 race also died. □

Cole pitches Astros past Yankees 4-1 for 2-1 lead in ALCS

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK (AP) — Gerrit Cole is making his pitch to own this October.

A gritty Cole held the New York Yankees scoreless without his sharpest stuff, Jose Altuve sparked Houston at the plate and the Astros locked down a 4-1 victory Tuesday to take a 2-1 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Altuve and Josh Reddick homered early off Luis Severino, who labored into the fifth while keeping the Yankees close. But they never broke through against Cole, who grinded through seven innings to win his 19th straight decision despite walking five batters for the second time in his career.

"Just boiled down to making some good pitches under pressure," he said.

Cole escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first and stranded nine runners through five, improving to 3-0 with a 0.40 ERA in three playoff outings this year. Poised to become a prized free agent who could command more than \$200 million, he's putting together a dominant run that's beginning to rival some of baseball's greatest postseason pitching performances.

The 29-year-old right-hander, unbeaten in 25 starts since late May, allowed four hits and struck out seven. That ended a streak of 11 consecutive games with double-digit strikeouts — the previous big league record was eight. Cole led the majors with 326 Ks this season.

"I think he's the best pitcher in baseball right now," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "Gerrit is locked in. And to see him do it on the big stage in a playoff game with the magnitude of this game, it was pretty awesome."

Game 4 in the best-of-seven playoff is scheduled for Wednesday night — but that could change. The gloomy weather forecast calls for a substantial rainstorm, potentially forcing a postponement that would likely alter pitching plans for both teams.

Gleyber Torres homered in



Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole throws against the New York Yankees during the second inning in Game 3 of baseball's American League Championship Series Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in New York.

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the eighth off Houston reliever Joe Smith, one batter after replay umpires reversed a call and ruled Edwin Encarnación out at first base. That led to a little trash and a ball being thrown onto the field before public address announcer Paul Olden reminded fans not to toss any objects out of the stands. Roberto Osuna got three quick outs in the ninth for a save.

"Two more to go," Osuna said. "I'm excited."

The bushy-haired Cole grew up in California rooting for the Yankees and was drafted by them 28th overall in 2008. He didn't sign, choosing instead to attend UCLA before the Pittsburgh Pirates selected him with the top pick in 2011.

Making his second career start at Yankee Stadium, he got away with several pitches in key situations. Other times, Cole flashed the filthy breaking balls and 98-100 mph heat that have made him so unhittable in October — and unbeatable since May.

His winning streak is the longest by a pitcher in one year since Rube Marquard began 19-0 for the 1912

New York Giants.

"He's exceptional. And he gets better and better and better," Hinch said. "Once he found his curveball, it was pretty lights out. I think he finished his outing as strong as ever."

After rolling to a 7-0 victory in the series opener, the Yankees — the highest-scoring team in the majors this season — have totaled three runs on two homers in the last 20 innings.

"It's obviously a little frustrating we weren't able to break through with him," manager Aaron Boone said. "But I think up and down we gave ourselves a chance. And anytime you're facing a guy like that, you want that kind of traffic. And we had that in several innings. He made big pitches when he had to."

With two on in the fifth and the Astros clinging to a 2-0 lead, Didi Gregorius lofted a high fly that Reddick caught at the right field fence.

"The emotions kind of followed the flyball, right?" Cole explained. "So it was kind of like low, to freaking out, to not so worried anymore."

The three-time All-Star fi-

nally found his rhythm after that, retiring his last seven batters with three strikeouts. He called his early fastball command "spotty," but his ability to pitch out of trouble prevented a lively sell-out crowd of 48,998 from really ever letting loose.

"I mean, we just had to work it," Cole said.

Gregorius also grounded out with the bases loaded to end the first.

"Most of the game was on me," he said. "I didn't come through, so I was the one that failed, not the whole team."

Houston got a rally going in the seventh against scuffling reliever Adam Ottavino. George Springer walked and went to third when Altuve executed a perfect run-and-hit single through the right side.

After savvy baserunning by Springer to stay in a rundown long enough to get runners to second and third, Altuve scored on Zack Britton's wild pitch. Yuli Gurriel made it 4-0 with a sacrifice fly.

LET'S GET IT STARTED

The 5-foot-6 Altuve connected on Severino's third pitch for his fourth homer of these playoffs, extending his postseason hitting streak

to 12 games dating to last year.

"I think everybody knows I like swinging the bat," he said. "I don't like wasting too much time on home plate."

FAST COMPANY

Cole has 32 strikeouts in the playoffs while allowing just one run. He joined Astros teammate Justin Verlander (2013 with Detroit) and Kevin Brown (1998 for San Diego) as the only pitchers to whiff at least 30 and permit no more than one run in a three-game postseason span, according to STATS.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees LF Giancarlo Stanton sat out for the second consecutive game because of a strained right quadriceps. He was replaced in the lineup by CF Aaron Hicks, who batted ninth in his first start since Aug. 3 due to a strained flexor near his right elbow. Brett Gardner shifted from center to left. Hicks went 0 for 2 with two walks.

OUT AT HOME

Plate umpire Jeff Nelson exited with a concussion after taking two foul balls off his mask, causing a 16-minute delay before the fifth inning. Kerwin Danley, who was at second base, went inside and changed into gear to work the plate. Mark Carlson switched from third to second and Marvin Hudson from left field to third. Severino was given additional time to warm up again, and the game proceeded with a five-man crew and no left field ump.

UP NEXT

Both teams were planning bullpen games Wednesday night, but a rainout would allow them to bring back the Game 1 starters on full rest in Game 4 if it gets pushed to Thursday. Yankees right-hander Masahiro Tanaka beat Zack Greinke in the opener last Saturday at Houston, improving to 5-2 with a 1.32 ERA in seven career postseason outings. Tanaka has permitted only one run and four hits over 11 innings in winning both his playoff games this year, while Greinke is 0-2 with an 8.38 ERA in two starts. □

Goodell: pass interference reviews are working as expected

By STEVEN WINE

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says the new video review rule for pass interference is working as expected, with only obvious mistakes by officials being corrected.

Through Week 6, the league has had 44 reviews related to pass interference, and the on-field ruling was reversed seven times.

"I think coaches understood replay was not going to correct every pass interference close call," Goodell said Wednesday at the close of the two-day owners' meetings. "It's not possible to make it perfect, and we're not re-officiating these plays. The thought process was to correct the obvious and clear error. I think it's settling out where we expected."

The new rule approved as a one-year experiment allows pass interference calls or non-calls to be challenged by coaches and reviewed via replay. But complaints by coaches, players and fans about pass interference persist, with some arguing more calls should be reversed.

When the rule was adopted last spring, Goodell



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell arrives at a news conference after the NFL Fall league meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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said, coaches understood that close calls wouldn't be changed. The reversal rate so far is 16 percent.

"Whenever there's a rule change, there's a period of adapting, and coaches are testing to see what types of changes are going to be made," Goodell said. Rich McKay, Atlanta Falcons president and a member of the NFL competition committee, said it's too early to judge whether in-

terference reviews are being handled properly. But he agreed with Goodell that the goal was to reverse only egregious mistakes.

"It's got to be an obvious error," McKay said. "It's a brand new rule, one our coaches, players, fans and officials are getting accustomed to."

Officiating has been a hot topic this season, with controversy about pass interference, the rate of holding

penalties and, most recently, a critical call in Monday's Lions-Packers game that the league admitted was wrong.

The erroneous hands-to-the-face flag tainted Green Bay's 23-22 win. But Goodell said such controversy is part of any sport.

"You never want to see a game where people are talking about officials afterward," Goodell said. "It was a great game played

by two great teams surprising people about the way they're playing. And it's tough. We have to continue to do everything to improve.

"But that's sports. You see it in every sport."

On other topics, the commissioner said:

— Labor discussions on a new collective bargaining agreement have touched on the possible expansion to a 17-game season. The Super Bowl would be one week later, and the season would still start the week after Labor Day. Larger rosters might accompany a longer season.

Goodell said the CBA talks have been productive, but he declined to predict when a deal might be reached.

— Despite the Miami Dolphins' historically bad start during a rebuilding effort, Goodell said he's not concerned about teams sacrificing a season for a high draft pick and diminishing the NFL's competitiveness.

"The good news for us is we don't see that," he said. "I don't think the league has ever been more competitive. You can see that in teams going from last to first in dramatic fashion." □

NFL: Preseason game concussion rate increased by 44%

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— The NFL says the number of concussions in exhibition games this year rose to 49 from 34 in 2018, an increase of 44% and a setback in efforts to reduce brain trauma.

"We have more work to do," said Dr. Allen Sills, the league's chief medical officer, at the owners' meetings Tuesday.

Concussions in preseason practices fell to 30 from 45 in 2018, perhaps a reflection of the NFL's decision this year to eliminate drills that involve especially violent one-on-one contact. The total of 79 preseason concussions in practice and games was the same a year ago.

ACL injuries during the



Dr. Allen Sills, right, the NFL's chief medical officer, speaks as Jeff Miller, the league's executive vice president of health and safety initiatives, looks on during a news conference at the NFL Fall League Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Associated Press

preseason declined to 16 from 28 in 2018. But the concussion rate in exhibition games was the highest since 2015.

"Progress in helmet safety is not always linear," Sills said.

More study regarding preseason concussions is planned to assess who is being injured and how. It is disproportionately rookie and first-year players, which underscores

the need to teach proper techniques and rules to players new to the league, Sills said. "A lot of the players who have been injured in games don't end up making the roster," he said.

Players are adopting at an unprecedented rate helmets deemed the safest by the league and players association. All but 13 players, or 99%, were using the helmets in Week 5 of this season, compared with 41% two years ago, the league said.

Helmet safety is determined in laboratory studies. Owners also discussed the new rule approved as a one-year experiment that allows pass interference calls or non-calls to be challenged by coaches and reviewed via replay. The rule hasn't quelled de-

bate about such calls.

Rich McKay, Atlanta Falcons president and a member of the NFL competition committee, said it's too soon to say whether the rule is a success.

"I don't think we would give a summation on whether a rule that has been in place for six weeks is working or not," McKay said. "Let's let the season play out."

Through Week 6, the league has had 44 reviews related to pass interference, and the on-field ruling was reversed seven times.

McKay noted that pass interference is subjective, which makes reviews of such potential penalties difficult.

"We knew that would lead the disagreement," McKay said. "That didn't mean we shouldn't do it." □

Canada beats U.S. 2-0, ends 34-year, 17-game winless streak

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The U.S. keeps coming up with underwhelming performances in its first year under Gregg Berhalter, whose tenure as American coach is starting to draw criticism. Canada beat the United States for the first time in 34 years, getting second-half goals from Alphonso Davies and Lucas Cavallini in a 2-0 victory over the listless Americans on Tuesday night in the CONCACAF Nations League.

A little over two years after the Americans failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup by losing at Trinidad and Tobago, they saw their 17-match unbeaten streak against their northern neighbor come to an end. They had not even allowed a goal to the Canadians in four previous matches dating to 2007.

"The first thing that stands out to me is desire, the desire of Canada," Berhalter said. "Give them credit, but having said that, the minimum we expect is to match that. We need to compete on every single play in games like that, and that's important. I don't think it was lack of effort, I don't think it was purposeful, but I wasn't happy with the desire that we displayed.

The U.S. already had lost to Mexico in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final in July, the first competitive tourna-

ment after Berhalter was hired last December and tasked with rebuilding the program. Just 11 months remain before the start of qualifying for the 2022 World Cup.

Canada went ahead in the 63rd minute after Scott Arfield dispossessed Michael Bradley on the edge of the center circle. After several passes, U.S. captain Tim Ream made a poor clearance. The ball was played back toward the American goal, and Arfield's low cross went across the goalmouth. Davies got behind DeAndre Yedlin and Aaron Long, redirecting the ball in.

"What stands out to me is just the sloppiness with the ball," Berhalter said. "Too many mis-controlled touches, too many missed passes, too many easy things that we normally make that we weren't making tonight." Jonathan Osorio lifted the ball behind the American defense in the first minute of stoppage time. Cavallini allowed the ball to bounce twice and beat Steffen to the near post with a right-footed shot from 12 yards. "We didn't have the same energy that they did," star American midfielder Christian Pulisic said. "That's very disappointing. That's the one thing that we can control and we weren't able to tonight."

Pulisic had a point-blank shot saved by goalkeeper



U.S. midfielder Michael Bradley (4) tackles Canada midfielder Alphonso Davies (12) during the first half of a CONCACAF Nations League soccer match Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in Toronto.

Associated Press

Milan Borjan in the 51st minute.

"I should have scored no problem," Pulisic said. "That's on me. Just wasn't my day, I guess."

Pulisic was replaced by Paul Arriola in the 60th minute. Berhalter said Pulisic has been suffering from flu-like symptoms and a "light fever."

"He wanted to continue," Berhalter said. "You could see the disappointment in his face."

The 21st-ranked U.S., coming off last week's opening 7-0 home rout of Cuba, had nine wins and eight draws against Canada

since a 2-0 exhibition defeat at Vancouver, British Columbia, in April 1985.

Canada, ranked 75th, is trying to climb past No. 72 El Salvador and into the top six in the region in FIFA rankings. The June 2020 rankings will be used to determine the nations in the hexagonal will produce the three direct qualifiers from the North and Central American and Caribbean region for the 2022 World Cup. Davies, an 18-year-old budding star, said he felt "millions of emotions running through me on that goal."

"They treated it like it was a cup final," Bradley said.

"They stepped up harder, they reacted quicker to every loose ball. In all the little ways in a game like that, they were on top of things. We're disappointed with ourselves that we couldn't do more in terms of better reactions, stepping up harder, coming away with little plays in different parts of the field that make a bigger difference."

The U.S. and Canada meet again Nov. 15 at Orlando, Florida, and the U.S. faces Cuba four days later in George Town, Cayman Islands.

"We've got to respond in a strong way," Bradley said. □

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He left to manage Tampa Bay in 2006 for nine mostly successful seasons, followed by a big-money move to Chicago to make history.

The three-time Manager of the Year left the Cubs by mutual consent last month after they missed the playoffs for the first time in his five-year tenure. He'll still likely never have to buy a drink in Chicago again because of 2016, when he led the Cubs to their first World Series title in 108 years.

Maddon replaces Brad Ausmus, who was fired after one season when the Angels finished 72-90, their worst record since 1999. Ausmus was abruptly dis-

missed shortly after Maddon became available, and most observers assumed Angels owner Arte Moreno had his eye on a reunion with Maddon, who was the Angels' bench coach when Moreno bought the club in 2003.

The Angels also interviewed veteran managers John Farrell and Buck Showalter and Padres hitting coach Johnny Washington for the job, but Maddon was the choice. Maddon was expected to be a valued candidate for other managerial openings around the majors, but he was clearly eager for a reunion.

Maddon kept a home in Long Beach during his 14 seasons away from Ana-

heim, and he has fond feelings for the organization that gave him his start.

That organization is experiencing hard times: The Angels have endured four straight losing seasons for the first time since the 1970s, and they still haven't won a playoff game with Mike Trout and Albert Pujols on their roster, making just one three-game postseason appearance after winning the AL West in 2014.

The Angels also were rocked this month by revelations about the role of a team employee in procuring opioids for pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who was found dead in his hotel room July 1.

The problems didn't de-



ter Maddon from reuniting with the Angels, where he inherits a roster with Trout as its centerpiece. The probable three-time AL MVP is signed to a 12-year, \$426.5 million contract that should keep him in Anaheim for the bulk of his career.

Maddon's managerial ca-

reer away from Anaheim began with two losing seasons in Tampa Bay, but has been impressive ever since. The Rays made a 31-game improvement and won the AL pennant in 2008, leading to the first of Maddon's three Manager of the Year awards. □

Google touts privacy options, but still depends on your data

By RACHEL LERMAN

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google's latest phone and smart-home devices came packaged with a not-so-subtle message: Google cares about your privacy. Does it?

The tech company has had a complicated relationship with user information in the past. Google's latest steps offer consumers some additional protections, although it's unclear how much more secure users will feel.

Google unveiled a new Pixel smartphone and other hardware devices on Tuesday, all aimed at getting people more hooked on services powered by the company's Google Assistant and other artificial-intelligence technology.

But privacy has emerged as a bigger issue with these products thanks to the growing popularity of always-listening "smart speakers" and similar devices. Google, Microsoft, Amazon and Apple have all recently acknowledged employing human contractors to listen to and transcribe some voice recordings captured by AI software.

Most such AI work, from in-



In this Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, photo New Pixel 4 phones are displayed at Google in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

terpreting voice requests to answering questions to turning on your lights, takes place in the cloud, not on your device. Users have very little control of what happens to their data in the cloud.

On Tuesday, though, Google emphasized that much of what you do on its new phones will stay there. Its new facial recognition unlock feature won't transmit details to Google servers for processing, for

instance, and its Assistant can also handle many queries directly on the phone. A new recording transcription feature and radar technology that recognizes gestures are also done on the device.

"You need to know what your data is safe," Rick Osterloh, Google senior vice president of hardware, said at the company's New York launch event Tuesday. "When computing is always available, designing

for computing and privacy becomes more important than ever."

Apple and Amazon have also emphasized their privacy commitments at recent product launches.

The goal is to give people more choice over privacy settings, Osterloh said. Nest speakers and cameras now come with physical switches to turn off cameras and mics, for example.

Still, Google relies heavily on customer information to

build user-specific profiles it uses to target digital advertising, which produces the vast majority of its income.

The Assistant, akin in basic function to Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa, is emerging as Google's latest digital data collector. It can learn more about you from your queries and can direct you to other Google services such as maps and search, which also feed into Google's multi-billion dollar advertising business.

"Their end game is trying to collect all this data and target you with advertising," said Victoria Petrock, principle analyst at eMarketer. "The voice is a whole new way to capture people's behaviors."

The more helpful the Assistant becomes, the more likely people are to use it.

On the hardware front, Google's new Pixel 4 features a fancier camera that will recognize people who've appeared previously in your photos in order to automatically focus on them in new shots.

The new phone also comes with motion-sensing technology that allows people to skip songs or switch apps by gesturing near the phone. □



In this March 6, 2019, photo, a 5G logo is displayed on a screen outside the showroom at Huawei campus in Shenzhen city, China's Guangdong province.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Germany released draft security guidelines on Tuesday for next generation wireless networks that stopped short of banning Huawei, as the U.S. warned again it would reconsider intelligence sharing with allies that use the Chinese com-

pany's equipment.

The Federal Network Agency catalog of conditions for suppliers of new 5G networks include requiring certification of critical components and ensuring trustworthiness of manufacturers, without singling out Huawei for exclusion.

German 5G rules avoid Huawei ban; U.S. warns on intel sharing

Huawei said it welcomed the German government's move to "create a level playing field" for 5G suppliers, in which "all vendors are equally and fairly welcome to participate in the construction of 5G networks if they fulfill the security requirements." The U.S. has been lobbying allies in Europe to shun Huawei, the world's biggest maker of networking equipment, over worries its equipment might aid Chinese electronic spying, claims the company has repeatedly denied. The Trump administration cut off its access to U.S. technology in May, part of a broader geopolitical feud between Washington and Beijing over

technology and trade.

The top U.S. cybersecurity diplomat, Rob Strayer, said that along with testing equipment and software for vulnerabilities, governments should also take into account the background of the manufacturer's home country, including whether it has independent courts and the rule of law.

U.S. officials worry that companies in China are required to cooperate with intelligence requests under a national intelligence law. "If there's technology that's untrusted deployed in their networks, then we have to reassess how we share information with countries like Germany," Strayer told in a telephone media brief-

ing, though he added he hadn't yet reviewed the German rules, which are open for consultation and could become law by the end of the year.

Strayer also praised a European Union assessment of 5G security risks last week that warned about a range of cyber threats including from hostile countries and "state-backed actors," even though it avoided singling out China or Huawei. New 5G networks promise superfast download speeds and reduced signal delay that can power a wave of innovations such as factory robots and remote surgery, but their increased reliance on software raises the risks of cyberattacks. □

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Fed survey finds U.S. economy being hurt by trade battles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy expanded at a modest pace in September and into October, despite rising trade tensions and weaker global growth that hampered manufacturing, and adverse weather hitting farmers.

In its latest assessment of business conditions around the country, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that "persistent trade tensions and slower global growth" were weighing on the economy.

The survey, known as the beige book, will be used by Fed officials when they meet Oct. 29-30 to decide whether to cut interest rates for a third time this year.

Financial markets are expecting another rate cut as the central bank seeks to protect the economic expansion from the fallout from a trade war between the world's two biggest economies, the United States and China.

The beige book findings will likely be cited by Fed officials who believe the central bank should cut rates again because of rising risks that the nation's longest recovery, now in its 11th year, could be derailed.

Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group, said based on the beige book's emphasis on areas of weakness he expected the Fed will cut rates again at the October meeting.

"By cutting rates now, the

Fed hopes to avoid the need for deeper rate cuts in the future," he said.

The report, compiled from information gathered by the Fed's 12 regional banks, said that the banks' business contacts still expected the economic expansion to continue but many had lowered their outlooks for growth over the next six to 12 months.

The report also found conditions varied by regions. States in the southern and western part of the country generally were more upbeat than regions representing the Midwest and Great Plains.

That disparity likely was influenced by the tough times faced by many farmers. They have been caught between President Donald Trump's higher tariffs on billions of dollars in Chinese imports and retaliatory tariffs imposed by China, which has also canceled purchases of U.S. farm goods, including soybeans, in an effort to hurt a key Trump constituency.

"Agricultural conditions deteriorated further due to the ongoing impacts of adverse weather, weak commodity prices and trade disruptions," the Fed report said.

The report found that the initial impact from the General Motors auto strike had been limited, with auto sales described as "robust" during the survey period.

The beige book said that



In this July 31, 2019, file photo workers clean the outside facade of State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Federal Reserve releases its latest 'Beige Book' survey of economic conditions.

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businesses across all regions were having to deal with persistent worker shortages and tight labor market conditions across various skill levels and occupations. This has been an issue as unemployment has continued to fall and in September dipped to a half-century low of 3.5%.

A number of districts reported that manufacturers had reduced employment because of softness in new orders. However, some firms were concerned about the longer-term availability of workers and opted to trim hours rather than lay off employees.

Even with the tight labor markets, wages were described as rising only moderately but some upward pressure was noted for lower-skilled workers in the retail and hospitality industries and for higher-skilled professional and technical workers.

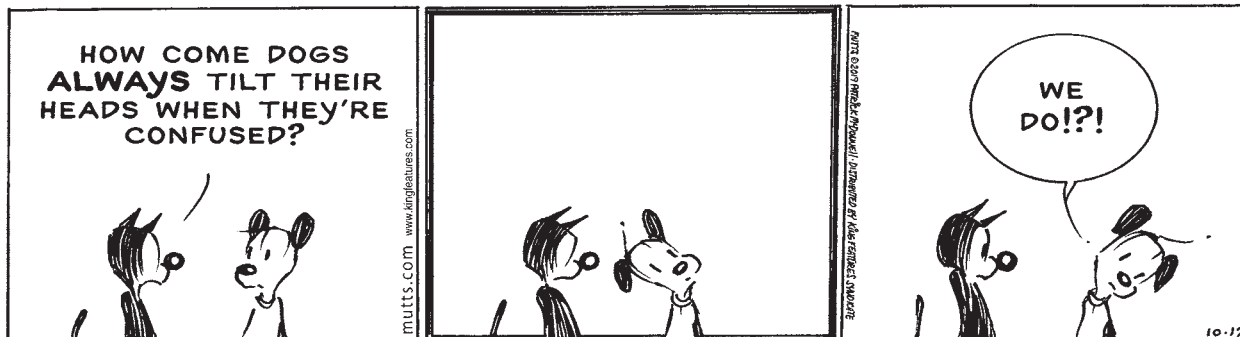
A number of smaller companies reported difficulty matching pay offers from larger firms and many employers were continuing to use non-wage incentives such as increased bonuses and benefits to attract and retain workers.

Price increases were described as modest but both

retailers and manufacturers noted rising input costs, often for items that had been hit with new tariffs in the trade war. The report said that retailers were finding more success in passing on the price increases to their customers than U.S. manufacturers were finding.

Trump announced last Friday a temporary truce in the U.S.-China trade battle, saying he had agreed to suspend a tariff hike scheduled to go into effect this week on \$250 billion of Chinese imports. He said that the Chinese had agreed to buy \$40 billion to \$50 billion in U.S. farm products. □

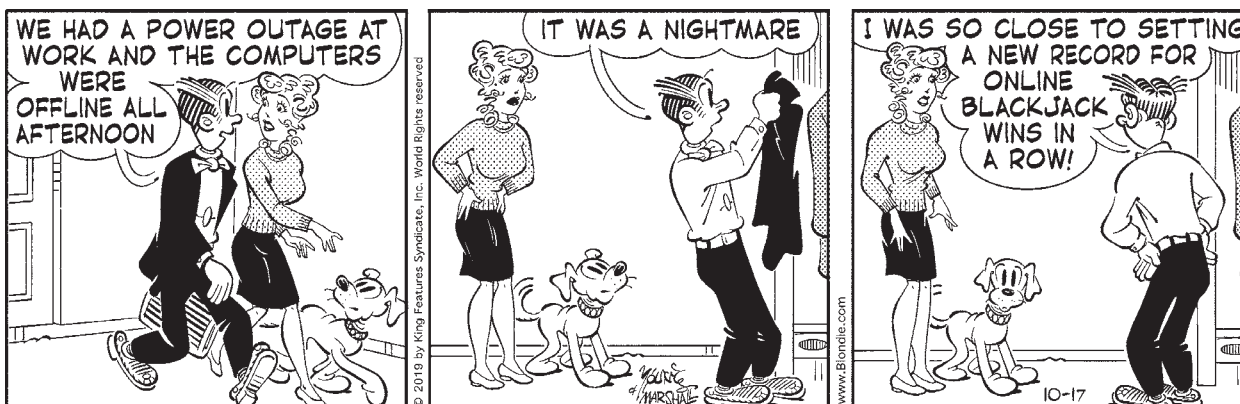
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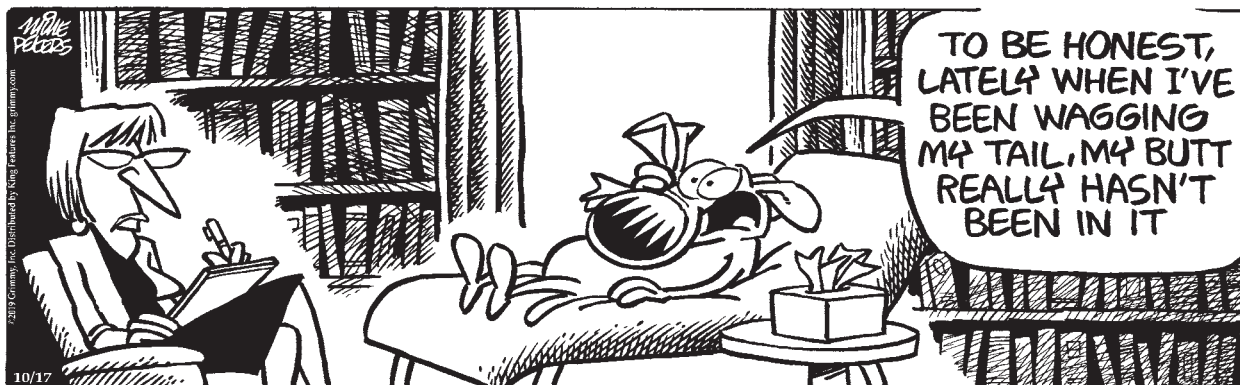
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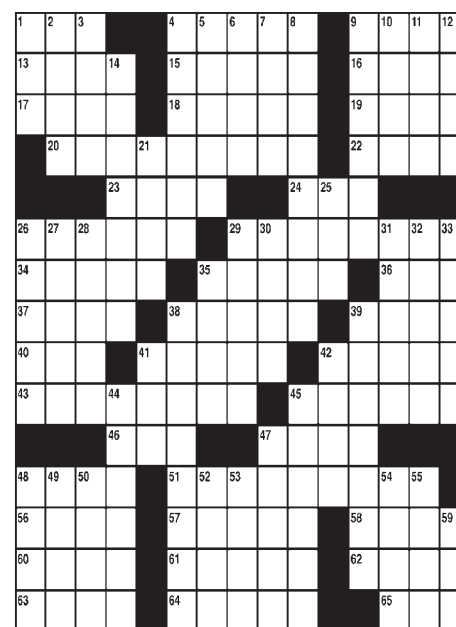
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 "Do Fools Fall in Love?"
4 Furry swimmer
9 Grouchy person
13 ___ for; cheer on
15 Actor Christopher
16 Stockings
17 Meditative exercise
18 Powerful winds
19 Actress Sommer
20 Sky
22 Lay to ___; bury
23 Weapons
24 Sunbeam
26 Sign of affection
29 Runt of the litter
34 Upper class
35 Go bad
36 Compete
37 Needs a doctor
38 Clothing protector
39 Dustcloths
40 Behold
41 One more time
42 ___ care; was indifferent
43 Lasting
45 Break in the school day
46 Encountered
47 Too hasty
48 Small store
51 Colleague
56 Skirt style
57 Josh with
58 Decays
60 ___ the moon; elated
61 Rarin' to go
62 Ship level
63 Man's nickname
64 Frock
65 Timid



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6 Prefix for vision or cast
7 Like 2, 4 and 6
8 Hold back
9 Model Ties
10 Acting part
11 Inquires
12 Borscht ingredient
14 Goals aimed for in darts
21 Think deeply
25 ___ along; from the start
26 Stop
27 Planetary visitor
28 Vexed
29 Bit of parsley
30 Night light
31 Steer clear of
32 Virgo, Pisces, Aries, etc.
33 Quizzes
35 C-___; network for political events
38 Stirred up

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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HEROES	RENEWS	
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- 1 Like a droll sense of humor
2 Place for a horseshoe
3 Boo-Boo Bear's pal
4 Keyboard instruments

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41 "People ___ Funny" of old TV
42 ___ Arnaz
44 Diamond official
45 Foyt & Unser
47 Mother's Day gift, perhaps
48 Air pollution
49 "___ a seat!"; words of welcome
50 Plow pullers
52 Burn
53 Wise man
54 Foot digits
55 Engrave
59 ___ blue; pastel color

Alaska to look at oil spill plan requirements

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Thirty years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the state of Alaska is looking at whether to change its requirements for oil spill prevention and response plans. Some say Gov. Mike Dunleavy's administration has failed to adequately explain the need for any changes and fear the process could lead to a watering down of environmental regulations. State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Jason Brune said there's no intent to do away with the plans. He said the department wants to make sure the rules are not outdated. Brune said he has heard from many Alaskans that contingency plans "are unnecessarily burdensome

while lacking corresponding environmental benefits." He did not specify the source of the complaints but said there have been comments from industry and individuals outside of industry that the documents have gotten too big and "things just continue to get added and added and added." He also said he has heard from those who think the rules don't go far enough. The department is taking public comment as it considers whether to propose changes. Oil tankers, drill rigs and oil pipelines are among those required to have spill prevention and response plans, according to the department's website. □



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NASA moves up 1st all-female spacewalk to fix power unit

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA is moving up the first all-female spacewalk to this week because of a power system failure at the International Space Station.

Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir will now venture out Thursday or Friday, instead of next Monday, to deal with the problem. It will be the first spacewalk by only women in more than a half-century of spacewalking.

A critical battery charger failed over the weekend, prompting the change, NASA officials said Monday. The women will replace the broken component, rather than install new batteries, which was their original job. Last week, astronauts conducted the first two of five spacewalks to replace old batteries that make up the station's solar power network. The remaining spacewalks — originally scheduled for this week and next — have been delayed for at least another few weeks so engineers can determine why the battery charger failed. It's the second such failure this year. The devices regulate the



In this image released Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, by NASA, astronauts Christina Koch, right, and Jessica Meir pose for a photo on the International Space Station. NASA has moved up the first all-female spacewalk to Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, or Friday because of a power system failure at the International Space Station.

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amount of charge going to and from each battery. One didn't kick in Friday night, preventing one of the three newly installed lithium-ion batteries from working. The balky charger is 19 years old; the one that failed in the spring was almost as old. Only three spares remain available.

"It's absolutely a concern at this point when you don't know what's going on," said Kenny Todd, a space station manager. "We're still scratching our heads looking at the data. Hopefully, we can clear that up in relatively short order." Despite the slight loss of power, the orbiting lab and

its six occupants are safe, according to NASA, and science operations are unaffected. The current situation is "manageable, but again not something that we would want to live with in the long term," Todd told reporters. NASA originally planned an all-female spacewalk last

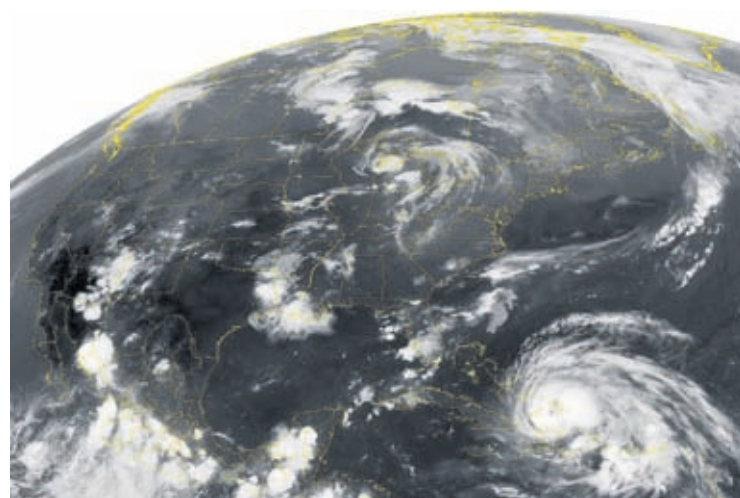
spring, but had to cancel it because of a shortage of readily available medium-size suits. Koch helped assemble an extra medium suit over the summer.

"Very good that we have 4 expert spacewalkers on board to shoulder this tough task. They are the A-team!" tweeted astronaut Anne McClain, who would have gone spacewalking with Koch in March if not for the suit-sizing issue.

While all four — two men and two women — are equally trained for the repair job, Koch and Meir are the right choices given the future spacewalking workload, officials noted.

Since the first spacewalk in 1965, there have been 227 spacewalkers, only 14 of them women. Meir will be making her first spacewalk and become No. 15. All but one of these women has been American.

The upcoming spacewalk will be "absolutely ... an exciting event," said Megan McArthur, deputy chief of NASA's astronaut corps. "The fact that it will be two women just is a reflection of the fact that we have so many capable, qualified women in the office." □



This Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 NOAA satellite image shows Hurricane Irene, a category 2 storm with winds up to 100 mph and located about 400 miles southeast of Nassau.

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Scientists discover big storms can create 'stormquakes'

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have discovered a mash-up of two feared disasters — hurricanes and earthquakes — and they're calling them "stormquakes." The shaking of the sea floor during hurricanes and nor'easters can rumble like a magnitude 3.5 earthquake and can last for days, according to a study in this week's journal *Geophysical Research Letters*. The quakes are fairly common, but they weren't noticed before because they were considered seismic background noise.

A stormquake is more an oddity than something that can hurt you, because no

one is standing on the sea floor during a hurricane, said Wenyan Fan, a Florida State University seismologist who was the study's lead author.

The combination of two frightening natural phenomena might bring to mind "Sharknado," but stormquakes are real and not dangerous.

"This is the last thing you need to worry about," Fan told The Associated Press. Storms trigger giant waves in the sea, which cause another type of wave. These secondary waves then interact with the seafloor — but only in certain places — and that causes the shaking, Fan said. It only happens in places where

there's a large continental shelf and shallow flat land. Fan's team found 14,077 stormquakes between September 2006 and February 2015 in the Gulf of Mexico and off Florida, New England, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador and British Columbia. A special type of military sensor is needed to spot them, Fan said.

Hurricane Ike in 2008 and Hurricane Irene in 2011 set off lots of stormquakes, the study said.

The shaking is a type that creates a wave that seismologists don't normally look for when monitoring earthquakes, so that's why these have gone unnoticed until now, Fan said. □

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'Patsy and Loretta' highlights bond between iconic singers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Writer-director Callie Khouri is drawn to stories about female friendships and country music, and her latest television film "Patsy and Loretta" combines those passions into the true story of a friendship between two of country music's most powerful voices.

The biopic about Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn, which airs Oct. 19 on Lifetime, centers on their friendship, which has often been underexplored in country music history, at a time when the two pioneering women's careers overlapped in the early '60s.

Khouri, who wrote the classic female adventure film "Thelma and Louise" and brought her country music drama "Nashville" to prime-time television, said even she was surprised to find out that the two singers had a close friendship when her stepdaughter brought her the script.

"I was just blown away because it was a time before we really knew much about any of the women in



This image released by Lifetime shows Jessie Mueller as Loretta Lynn, right, and Megan Hilty as Patsy Cline in a scene from the TV film, "Patsy & Loretta." The film airs on Oct. 19 on Lifetime.

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country music," said Khouri. "I loved both of the artists of course and the fact that they had this really incredible bond."

In the film, Cline is at the peak of her career with hits like "Walking After Midnight" and "I Fall to Pieces," while Lynn is a young singer-

songwriter from Kentucky just getting her footing in Nashville.

Their styles were different, with Cline's powerful, almost theatrical voice made her one of country's first crossover artists, while Lynn penned songs about rural life and honky-tonk wom-

en. But both were dealing with industry demands on how they looked and sang, juggling being mothers with their careers and clashing with husbands that liked to fight and drink.

"We all know the story of Patsy Cline's life. We all know the story of Loretta

Lynn's life. What not many people are aware of is their friendship," said Megan Hilty, who plays Cline. "It's about this beautiful supportive friendship between women and that is rarely done. These stories are not told in general."

Hilty, who is known for her Broadway roles in "Wicked" and "9 to 5" and the TV series "Smash," delved deep into Cline's recordings and videos of her performing and read letters written by Cline to family and friends. "To play an icon of this magnitude is extremely daunting," Hilty said. "But she's a fascinating person. I'm absolutely obsessed and in love with her."

Jessie Mueller, who won a Tony Award for her role as Carole King in the Broadway musical "Beautiful," also had the challenge of capturing Lynn's well-known Appalachian accent and phrasing.

"There's dialect work. There's guitar work. It's a lot to try to encompass the essence of someone like Loretta Lynn," Mueller said. □

Vietnam bans animated 'Abominable' over South China Sea map

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam has pulled "Abominable" from theaters because the U.S.-Chinese-made animated movie showed a map supporting Chinese claims to the disputed South China Sea.

The image in one scene showed the so-called nine-dash line, a vague and broken outline around the resource-rich waters China claims as its own territory. Those claims overlap with claims by Vietnam and other Asian governments, and an international tribunal in 2016 invalidated China's vast claims in a case brought by the Philippines. "Abominable," the story of a Chinese girl who helps a yeti get back to its home on Mount Everest, is a collaboration between DreamWorks Animation and China-based Pearl Studio.

It was shown in Vietnamese cinemas for a week before its removal, the state-owned Tuoi Tre newspaper

reported Monday.

"We will be more alert and more vigorous in censorship," the head of the government's cinema department, Nguyen Thu Ha, was quoted as saying.

The department is responsible for the censorship of all movies for violence, sex and unfavorable political messages in authoritarian Vietnam.

Trailers and other associated information for "Abominable" have been removed from the Vietnamese distributors' website and social media channels. The movie's trailer and posters were removed from advertising screens in theaters.

A Dreamworks representative did not immediately reply to a message seeking comment about the scene and Vietnam's ban. China's Foreign Ministry has not responded to requests for comment.

The film was also met with criticism from Vietnamese

movie fans.

"It is an insult to Vietnam," said student Minh Hieu, who was looking for a movie to watch on Tuesday afternoon.

Another student, Nguyen Mai Huong, said: "I wouldn't watch it even if it still showed in the cinema. The (nine-dash) map is straight-up wrong. And I am absolutely not going to support it."

"Abominable" began playing in the Philippines and another South China Sea claimant Taiwan in early October.

In Manila, presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo told reporters a decision on continuing to show the movie in the Philippines was up to a government movie censorship board.

Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. in a conversation on Twitter suggested cutting the offending scene might be better than an unconstitutional ban of



In this Sept. 7, 2019, file photo, the character Everest from the film "Abominable" appears on the red carpet on day three of the Toronto International Film Festival at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

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the movie in the Philippines. Locsin is known for irreverence on Twitter and the government has never clarified if his tweets express official policy or personal views.

The Philippines has tempered its once-vocal opposition to China's assertive claims in the disputed

sea since President Rodrigo Duterte took office in mid-2016.

Vietnam's ban of the animated movie comes during an increasingly tense and months-long standoff between its ships and a Chinese survey vessel and escort ships in disputed Vanguard Bank off Vietnam. □



In this Sept. 29, 2015 file photo, actress Julie Andrews arrives at the Los Angeles Philharmonic 2015/2016 season opening gala at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

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AP Exclusive: Julie Andrews reflects on her Hollywood years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Everyone is on their best behavior when Julie Andrews is around.

It's early June in Los Angeles and Andrews is coming to film segments for a night of guest programming on Turner Classic Movies and speak about her new book, "Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years," which hits shelves Tuesday. The air is thick with anticipation before her arrival. When her car does appear — as prompt as Mary Poppins — the crew, the producers and even the catering staff all abandon their lunches and stand to attention. When she steps out, some even start to softly clap, as though she is royalty or perhaps even something bigger than that.

But Andrews, seemingly knowing the effect she has on people, brings it back down to earth.

"Hi gang!" she says cheerily, with that voice that for many is as familiar as their own mother's, putting everyone (almost) at ease as she glides through the room.

Even TCM host Ben Mankiewicz, who is no stranger to speaking to screen legends, is a little awe struck.

"God, every time you talk I think, 'She sounds just like Julie Andrews!'" Mankiewicz says to his guest.

Andrews just laughs. "Shut up, shut up," she says.

For the next few hours, The Associated Press got a front-row seat as Andrews and Mankiewicz turned the little soundstage into a cozy living room for movie lovers as they discussed three films from her career: 1967's "Thoroughly Modern Millie," 1982's "Victor/Victoria" and 1986's "That's Life!," all of which she touches on in her memoir.

Although they may not be as well-known as "Mary Poppins" or "The Sound of Music," each provides a revealing glimpse into her work at different stages of her career outside of those beloved nanny roles. In talking about George Roy

Hill's adaptation of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Andrews reflected on her friendship with co-star Mary Tyler Moore.

"She called me Millie and I called her Miss Dorothy for the rest of our lives," Andrews, who just turned 84 this month, said. "I miss her so much."

All of the films are special to Andrews in some way, but naturally the ones she made with Blake Edwards, her husband of 41 years, are particularly so.

"We made seven pictures together," Andrews said. "The first one 'Darling Lili' was such a huge flop it's amazing we stayed together for 41 years!"

On "Victor/Victoria," she said Edwards advised her to watch her old friend James Garner for inspiration, telling her "not only is he a great actor, but he's a great reactor."

"Blake would love to be sitting right here," she said wistfully as Mankiewicz praised the film. "He probably is."

The third film they discuss, "That's Life!" may be the least known of the bunch but is one that is in some ways the most personal. The dramatic comedy starring Jack Lemmon as man dreading his impending 60th birthday party and Andrews as his wife was a low-budget, non-union family affair that was filmed in her and Edwards' own home using all of their friends and nothing but a 13-page outline to guide the process.

"(Blake) wrote his demons in this film," Andrews says. "It was really a gift to us all to say 'I'm sorry if I've offended' ... it's his apology to us but it's on film."

In "Home Work," Andrews writes frankly about her relationship with Edwards, a man she remains deeply and wholly in love with and in reverence of but who also had his struggles with prescription drugs.

"I wanted to honor him properly. I wanted it to be truthful, but didn't want to hurt anybody, especially

my kids," Andrews told the AP later that day.

Deciding what to leave in and what to take out, she said "was hard and I'm very nervous about that."

The films and her conversation with Mankiewicz will air on TCM on Oct. 29 beginning at 8pm Eastern and serve as a companion to the memoir, co-written with her daughter Emma Walton Hamilton, which picks up where her first memoir "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years," left off: Her arrival in Los Angeles to film "Mary Poppins," with then-husband Tony Walton and baby Emma in tow.

Aided by the diaries she kept throughout her life, some excerpts of which are included in "Home Work," Andrews gives a thoughtful account of her personal and professional highs, lows and everything in between. She tells amusing anecdotes about Alfred Hitchcock teaching her about lenses on "Torn Curtain," her fear of driving on freeways during "Mary Poppins" and how Edwards stood up for her when people at a party were trying to pressure her into doing drugs.

And she does not shy away from personal stories either: About financial worries, the breakup of her first marriage, deciding to adopt two daughters from an orphanage in Vietnam and her complex relationship with her parents.

The book and the TCM evening concludes with "That's Life!," although of course her Hollywood years continued after 1986.

But, she said, "They only wanted x number of pages and I was cutting like crazy anyway."

Still, it leaves open the possibility of another installment.

"There is so much more if I do write about it, 'Victor/Victoria' on Broadway and 'Princess Diaries' and other things and getting into the book writing," Andrews said. "There might be (another). But not just yet, I only finished it 10 days ago!" □

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In this Tuesday April 14, 2015 file photo, Leonardo da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" is displayed during an exhibition in Milan, Italy.

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Da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" drawing can go on loan to Louvre

ROME (AP) — An Italian court has ruled that Leonardo Da Vinci's iconic "Vitruvian Man" drawing can be loaned to France's Louvre Museum, solving an ongoing cultural dispute between Italy and France. The Venice court last week had suspended the loan of the world-famous drawing, which is part of a batch of works by Leonardo and Raphael that the Italian government had agreed to

send to Paris. Wednesday's ruling cleared the way for the loan, rejecting a complaint filed by an Italian heritage group Our Italy, which contended that the drawing was too fragile to travel and risked being damaged. The "Vitruvian Man" is currently kept in a climate-controlled vault in Venice's Accademia Gallery and is put on public display only occasionally. □



In this July 20, 2017 file photo, The Hit Men play music during a show at the Axelrod Performing Arts Center, in Deal Park, N.J.

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Musicians Hall of Fame to honor group with New Jersey roots

By **DAVID PORTER HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP)** — Seven years after hitting the road to perform and share their stories of recording with some of the biggest names in pop music, a New Jersey-based group of former A-list session musicians is being recognized for its efforts. The Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville is giving its first "Road Warrior" award to The Hit Men, a group originally assembled in 2012 by former members of Frankie Valli and Four Seasons. The group has toured steadily since then, and its Oct. 28 concert at

Nashville's City Winery will close a month of shows in California, Arizona, Maine, Louisiana and Tennessee. "It's an incredible honor to be recognized for the work we've each put into our careers supporting the greatest names in the music industry," founding member Lee Shapiro said. The museum opened in 2006 and showcases the often-unsung musicians who have backed legendary pop performers. Among its famous inductees are the Wrecking Crew, the group of L.A. studio musicians that played on numerous '60s pop hits; and the Funk

Brothers, Motown Records' house rhythm section. Seeking to ride the musical nostalgia wave and the success of the Four Seasons-inspired musical "Jersey Boys," The Hit Men formed in 2012 in a basement studio in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, about 10 miles from New York. Their roots extend decades further. Shapiro, keyboardist for Valli during the singer's mid-1970s comeback, had played with guitarist Don Ciccone and drummer Gerry Polci with the Four Seasons and knew bassist Larry Gates from childhood. □

Shonda Rhimes, iHeartMedia strike 3-year podcast deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television powerhouse Shonda Rhimes is moving aggressively into the burgeoning podcast world. Rhimes' company, Shondaland, said Wednesday that she will serve as executive producer for podcasts to be distributed by iHeartMedia. Shondaland says it signed a three-year podcast deal with iHeartMedia and is launching Shondaland Au-

dio. In a statement, Rhimes said she welcomed the opportunity to expand Shondaland's storytelling into the growing medium, which she praised for a unique sense of boldness and intimacy. Shondaland has already ventured into podcasting with the weekly "Katie Crib," in which actress Katie Lowe discusses motherhood with guests.

New episodes will be distributed by iHeartMedia in 2020. Rhimes, who became an ABC network mainstay with hits including "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal," signed an exclusive deal with Netflix in 2017 to produce new programs for the streaming service. The iHeartMedia company, which operates more than 850 radio stations and the iHeartRadio digital service,



This Feb. 24, 2019 file photo shows Shonda Rhimes at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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distributes podcasts on all major podcasting platforms including the iHeart-Podcast Network. □

Biophilic decor: Ways to bring the feel of nature indoors

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

The term "biophilia," an affinity for the living world, was coined back in the 1980s by American biologist and author E.O. Wilson. We have an instinctive drive to connect with nature, he said, and the more we connect, the happier we are. That's why a walk in the woods can feel so good, or a sit on a quiet beach.

In our homes, we might try to bring the outside in with a potted tree, some herbs on the window sill, perhaps floral wallpaper or landscape art.

Some other creative ideas from innovative designers today:

"When I first started reading about biophilic design and how we needed to be flooding our homes with gorgeous natural views, daylight and plants I thought, 'Well that's dandy, but how about people in homes and work spaces that just don't have access to these things?'" says Phoebe Oldrey, who runs Smart Style Interiors in Tunbridge Wells, England.

"How do I, as an interior designer, give them the benefits of biophilic design? The answer came in the choice of materials we use in our designs, and natural materials is the way to go."

In one home, she designed floating maple cabinetry inlaid with a pattern of swallows in flight. In a dining/kitchen space with doors opening onto a leafy outdoor area, she placed a large light fixture composed of colorful glass bubbles; it's as though a cluster of errant balloons drifted in from the backyard. And in a weekend cottage, she placed a ceiling fixture made of woven sticks over the bed, evoking a cozy bird's nest.

Lighting is a great way to bring a biophilic element into a room.

If you like the idea of that stick fixture, check out Serena & Lily's Vero pendant made of wispy woven rattan twigs. All Modern has the Organique chandelier, a freeform 'nest' of rubbed bronze. Arteriors Home has



This undated photo shows a converted garage project by Bunch Design in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles, Calif.

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the Tilda fixture made of whitewashed wood sticks, and the Wichita floor lamp crafted of downed teak tree trunks.

Brooklyn's Nea Studio has found a formula for treating green marine algae so it becomes firm yet malleable. Designer Nina Edwards Anker handcrafts the algae into light shades that cast a warm glow. Anker has also created a solar chandelier made from shells and photovoltaic modules; hang the fixture in a window and it becomes a solar clock, turning on at dusk. Passing breezes make it a wind

chime, too.

New technologies are giving us lighting that's more reflective of outdoor light. Ketra offers an LED system that can be tuned so the room lighting moves from warm candlelight to a wintry Arctic sky. Nanoleaf's light panels interlock; affix them to a wall, then operate them remotely to cycle through arrays like "sunrise" and "Northern Lights."

If you're renovating or building, think about adding cutouts beyond the traditional windows and sliding doors — horizontal lighting like skylights, for instance.

Bo Sundius of Bunch Design in Los Angeles says the firm always thinks about how sun and light moving across rooms can be used to connect interiors to the outdoors.

In one converted garage project, long clerestory windows were placed high on the walls of a small living room. Afternoon light streams through a west-facing skylight, and a stepped ceiling creates more interesting light plays. "The house sits in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood," says Sundius, "yet it feels airy and open."



This undated photo shows the color Emerald Green by Farrow & Ball.

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This fall, Farrow & Ball debuted Colour by Nature, a collection done in collaboration with London's Natural History Museum. Rare books, including an early color guide used by Charles Darwin, provided inspiration. There's an orange-tinged white inspired by the breast feathers of an owl; a green evinces the emerald hue of a mallard's neck.

Behr Paint's 2020 color of the year is a soothing green called Back to Nature; complementary colors include Light Drizzle, Secret Meadow, Dragonfly and Bluebird.

Murals can showcase nature dramatically; they work well in family rooms, hallways or bedrooms. For something unusual, consider Flavor Paper's Saguaro Sessions collection. The studio's founder, Jon Sherman, and photographer Boone Speed were inspired by a trip to Saguaro National Park to make wallpapers that showcase macro photography of gemstones and minerals, with the crystalline structures creating unique patterns in extreme close-up.

Roche Bobois' Bois Paradis collection from Maison Lacroix features wood cabinets and screens, and upholstered seating, printed with a woodland scene. On the casegoods and tables, the pattern is in silhouette, giving them an air of mystery.

Bedding maker Buffy offers the Breeze comforter made of sustainable eucalyptus, and stitched with a wave and wind pattern inspired by the rolling hills of artist Maya Lin's Storm King Wavefield in Orange County, New York.

Buffy's also introduced a collection of naturally dyed sheets, with dye experts Maria Elena Pombo and Kathy Hattori. They've used botanicals like walnut, gardenia, turmeric and pomegranate to gently color the textiles.

Miami-based design house Plant the Future is known for biophilic installations like "living" plant murals on building exteriors. □